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THE SERIES WAS FIRST PUBLISHED IN ITALY FROM 1996 TO 2001. IT WAS NEVER GIVEN AN OFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION.

WANT TO HELP US OT? HERE ARE THREE EASY WAYS:

1) SPREAD THE WORD. WE WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW OF THIS SERIES.

SO, IF YOU KNOW SOME FORUM, BLOG, WEBSITE, WHATEVER, WHERE PEOPLE MIGHT BE INTERESTED, FEEL FREE TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL OF THE DUCK AVENGER THERE.

OF COURSE, AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION CAN ONLY REACH A LIMITED NUMBER OF PEOPLE. WHAT WE REALLY WANT TO SEE. IS AN OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE SERIES.

2) DISNEY IS NOW OFFERING AN ALTERNATE SERIES OF THE DUCK AVENGER THROUGH DISNEY DIGICOMICS.

THE COMICS CAN BE BOUGHT AND VIEWED THROUGH YOUR IPHONE, IPOD TOUCH, OR PLAYSTATION PORTABLE, PROVIDING YOU LIVE IN THE U.S. OR THE U.K. (AND POSSIBLY CANADA AND A FEW OTHER. TRY IT OUT, WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CHECK OUR FACTS ON THIS ONE.)

THE SERIES, TITLED "SUPERDUCK", IS A SOMEWHAT WATERED-DOWN VERSION OF THIS SERIES. BUT STILL, IT'S WORTH A LOOK.

IF DIGICOMICS ARE AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA, THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO SHOW DISNEY, THAT THERE IS AN INTEREST IN THE CHARACTER OF SUPERDUCK/THE DUCK AVENGER.

3) CONTACT DISNEY AND TELL THEM, YOU'D BE VERY INTERESTED IN AN OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE "PAPERINIK NEW ADVENTURES" COMICS.

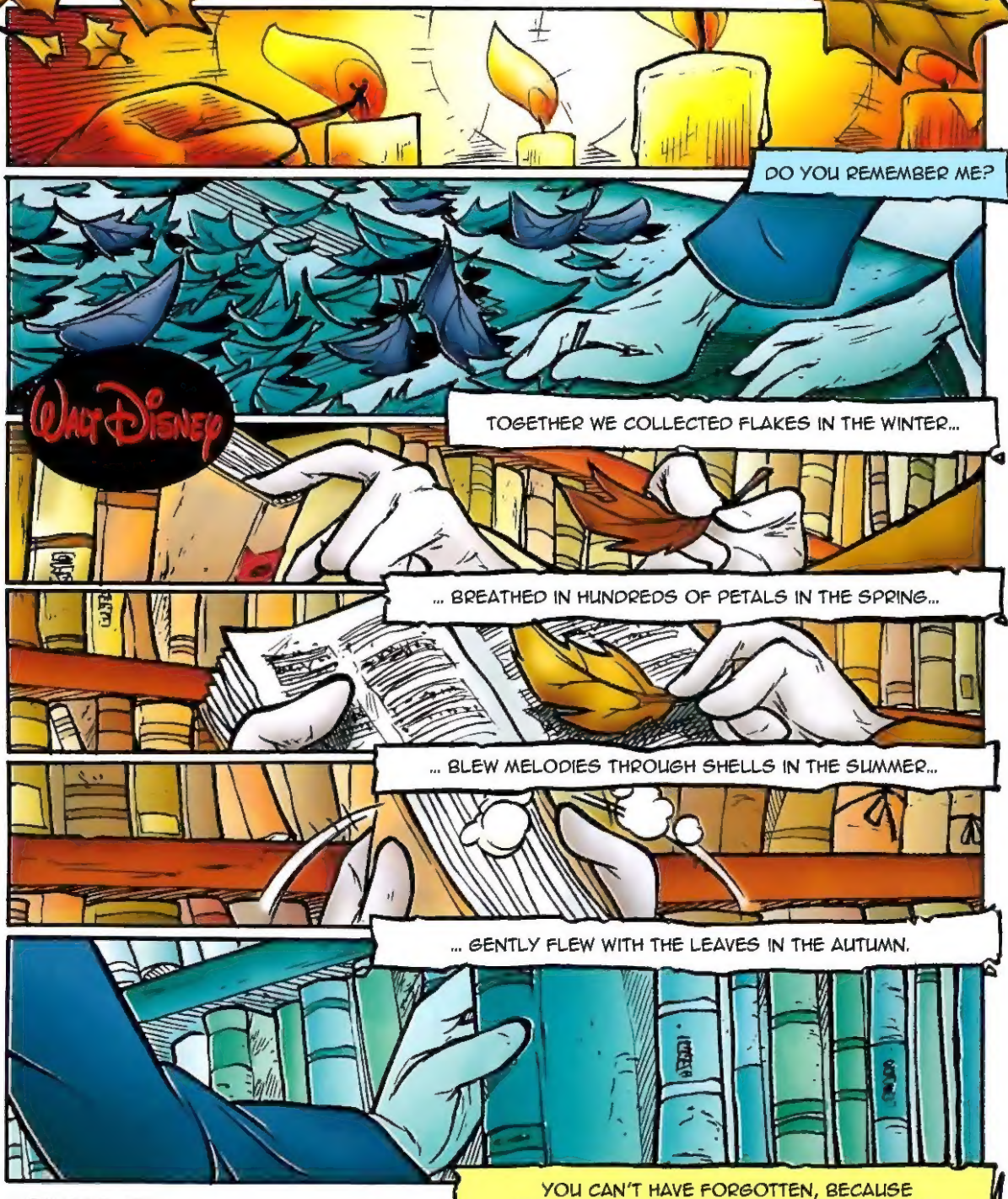
THIS METHOD IS GREAT BECAUSE IT'S EFFECTIVE, AND ABSOLUTELY FREE.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE DISNEY COMPANY CAN BE FOUND AT OUR SITE, HTTP://DUCKAVENGER.BLOGSPOT.COM

(IF YOU CONTACT DISNEY FEEL FREE NOT TO MENTION OUR SITE WE QUITE ENJOY NOT BEING SUED.)

SO, WITHOUT FURTHER TO SAY, JUST SIT BACK AND ENJOY YOURSELF WITH SOME DONALD DUCK.

Fragments of autumn


DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
TOGETHER WE COLLECTED FLAKES IN THE WINTER...
... BREATHED IN HUNDREDS OF PETALS IN THE SPRING...
... BLEW MELODIES THROUGH SHELLS IN THE SUMMER...
... GENTLY FLEW WITH THE LEAVES IN THE AUTUMN.
YOU CAN'T HAVE FORGOTTEN, BECAUSE IT IS ALL WRITTEN IN YOUR IMMACULATE MIND.

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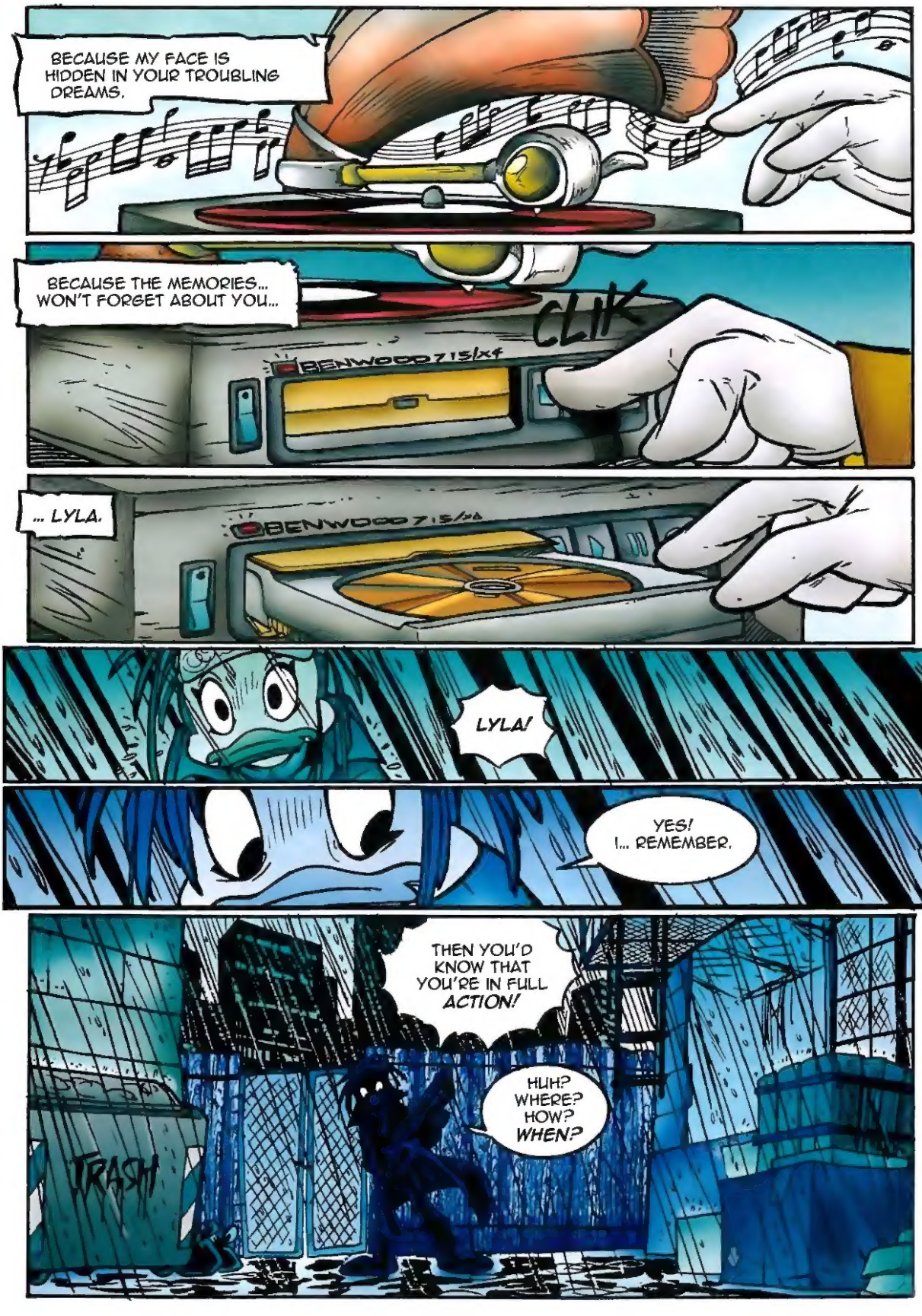
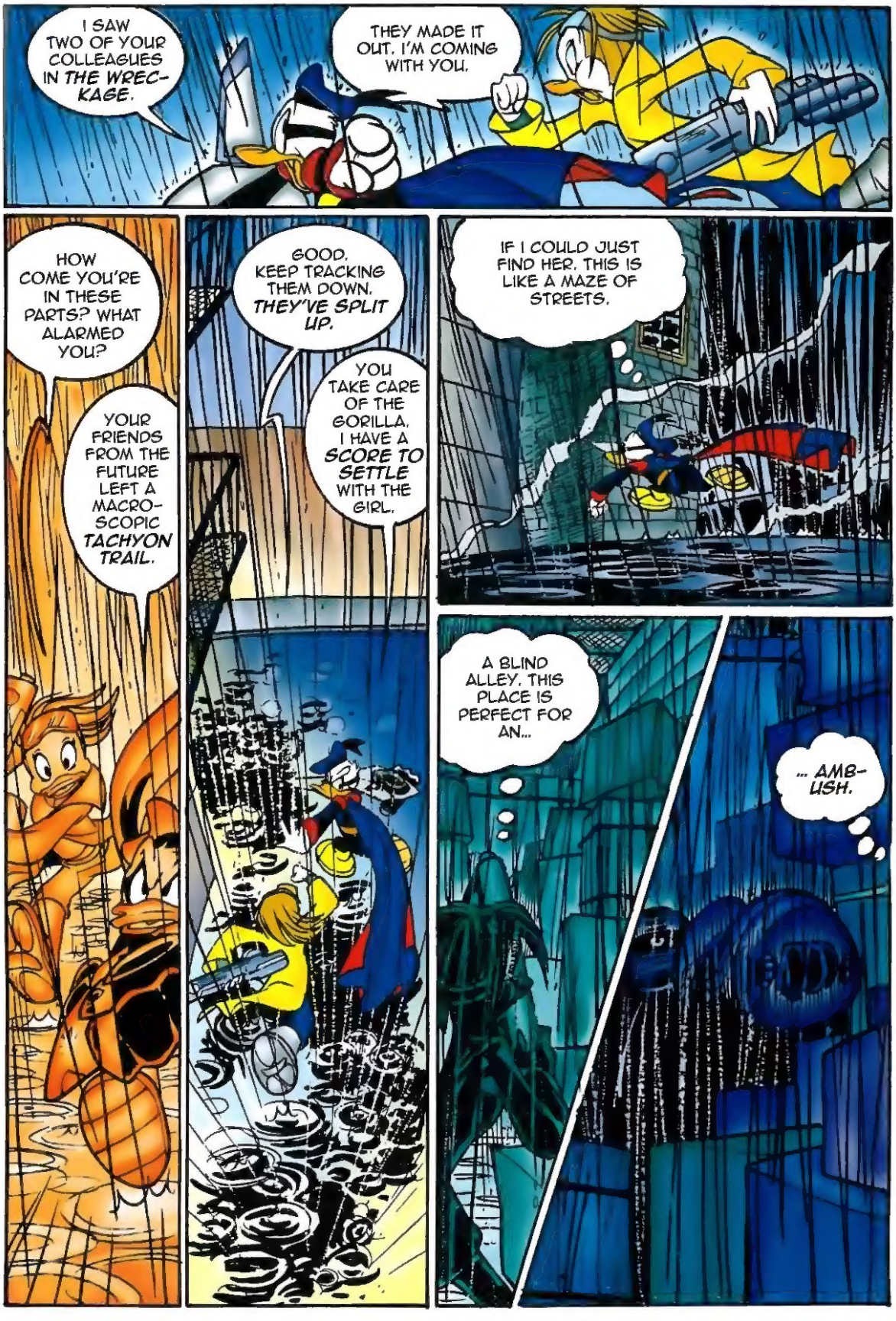

BECAUSE MY FACE IS HIDDEN IN YOUR TROUBLING DREAMS.
BECAUSE THE MEMORIES... WON'T FORGET ABOUT YOU...
CLIK
BENWOOD 715/x4
... LYLA.
BENWOOD 715/x4
LYLA!
YES! I... REMEMBER.
THEN YOU'D KNOW THAT YOU'RE IN FULL ACTION!
HUH? WHERE? HOW? WHEN?
TRASH

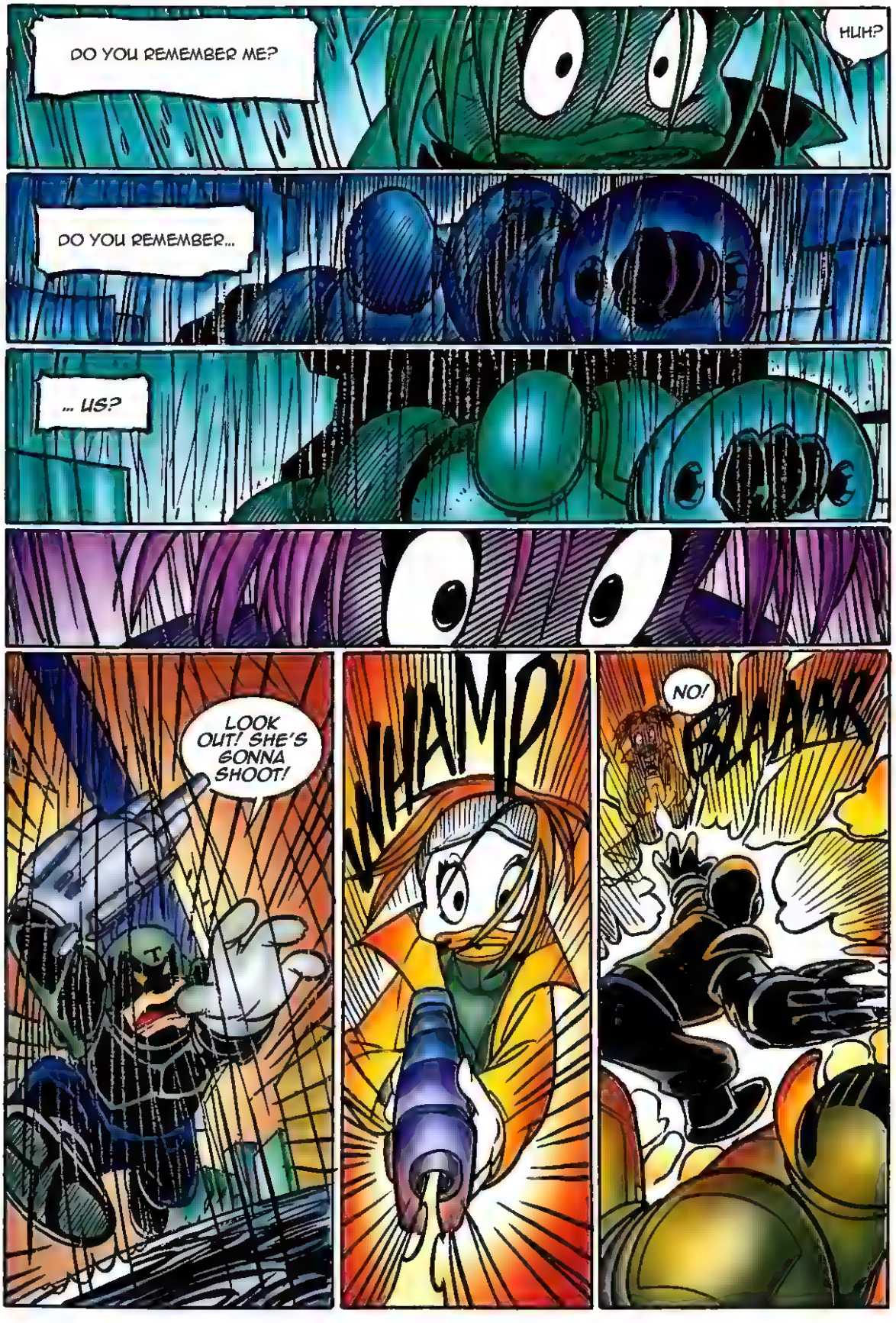
LET ME REFRESH YOUR MEMORY. LOCATION: DUCKBURG. CENTURY: TWENTIETH. YOU'VE BEEN CALLED IN FOR ACTION BY THE TIME POLICE WITH A CODE DELTA.
TO HUNT FOR UNAUTHORIZED CHRONOTRAVELERS.
BRAVO. WE MUST CAPTURE TWO ESCAPEES WHO SUDDENLY APPEARED IN YOUR TIME.
THORBEN AND MANTIS. TECHNODROIDS OF CLASS R, ESCAPED FROM THE PRISON IN TIME Ø.
EXCELLENT SUMMARY. NOW GO JOIN UP WITH THE TWO AGENTS WE'VE SENT HERE FOR THIS MISSION.
RIGHT AWAY, COMMANDER!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO ME? THIS TIME ZONE IS UNDER MY CONTROL. I SHOULD BE LEADING THIS MISSION!
ALL OF MY SENSORS ARE IN DISORDER. I CAN'T FIND THE TRACE OF MY COLLEAGUES OR THOSE CRIMINALS.

IT'S NO USE. THIS THING WON'T START FLYING.
VROOM
THO-RBEN! YOU BLOCKHEAD! WE'RE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY!
AND? I SENSE TWO TIME POLICEMEN AT NINE O` CLOCK.
IS THE ONE IN CHARGE OF THIS ERA HERE?
APPAR-ENTLY NOT. SHE'S BEEN LEFT BEHIND.
STRANGE. TRY TO HOLD THOSE TWO COPS BACK.
VERY WELL, MANTIS. I'LL SHOW YOU THAT EVEN HERE THE CARS CAN...
... FLY.
KABOOM

SBRANG
CRASH
I MADE A BANG.
ALWAYS ACTING LIKE A LITTLE KID. YOU MIGHT DISTURB SOMEONE.
HOW THOUGHTFUL. BUT DON'T WORRY, DAR-LING...
?
?
... I WAS ALREADY AWAKE.
UGH!
WHAM!
SWIIIIISH

HELLO, AVENGER! NICE TO SEE YOU STANDING THERE!
I PREFERRED THE OLD ONE.
CLANK
IT WAS LESS GRADIENT.
YEAH! AND I DID IT JUST FOR YOU.
AFRAID I CAN'T SAY THE SAME. BUT I SEE YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR HAIRSTYLE!
I'M GONNA...
STOP! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
HI, LYLA! LET ME JUST GET OUT OF THIS.


I SAW TWO OF YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE WRECKAGE.
THEY MADE IT OUT. I'M COMING WITH YOU.
HOW COME YOU'RE IN THESE PARTS? WHAT ALARMED YOU?
YOUR FRIENDS FROM THE FUTURE LEFT A MACROSCOPIC TACHYON TRAIL.
GOOD. KEEP TRACKING THEM DOWN. THEY'VE SPLIT UP.
YOU TAKE CARE OF THE GORILLA. I HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH THE GIRL.
IF I COULD JUST FIND HER. THIS IS LIKE A MAZE OF STREETS.
A BLIND ALLEY. THIS PLACE IS PERFECT FOR AN...
... AMBUSH.


DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
HUH?
DO YOU REMEMBER...
... US?
LOOK OUT! SHE'S GONNA SHOOT!
WHAMP
NO!
BLAAAK

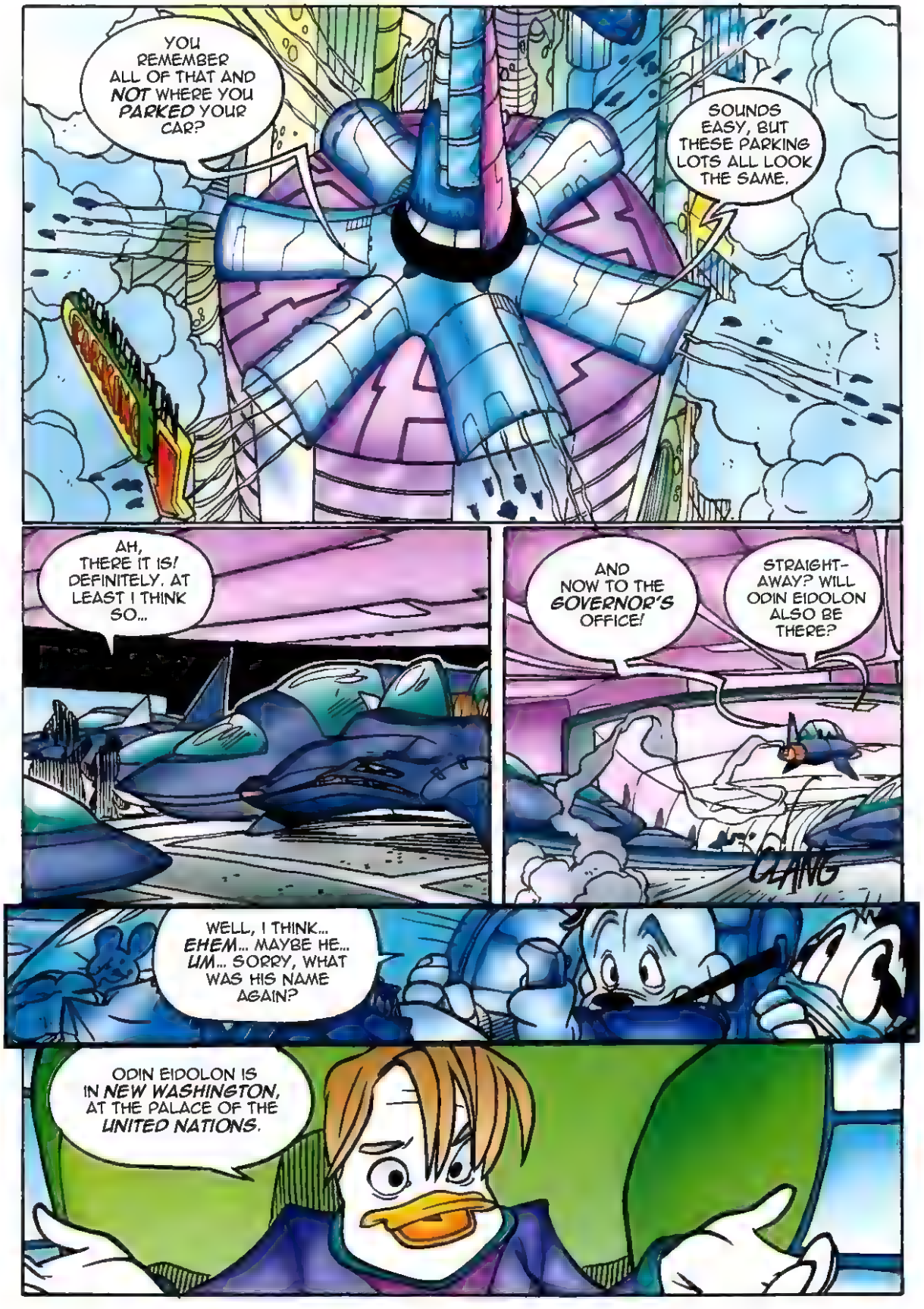
SOMETHING HAPPENED TO LYLA.
RAPUNZEL WILL HAVE TO WAIT.
FORGET IT, DEAR. WE'LL NEVER MEET AGAIN.
MISSION COMPLETE, MANTIS.
GOOD. WE'LL IMMEDIATELY RETURN HOME.
Hhhaaaaa!!
LYLA! WHAT HAPPENED?
I... DON'T KNOW.

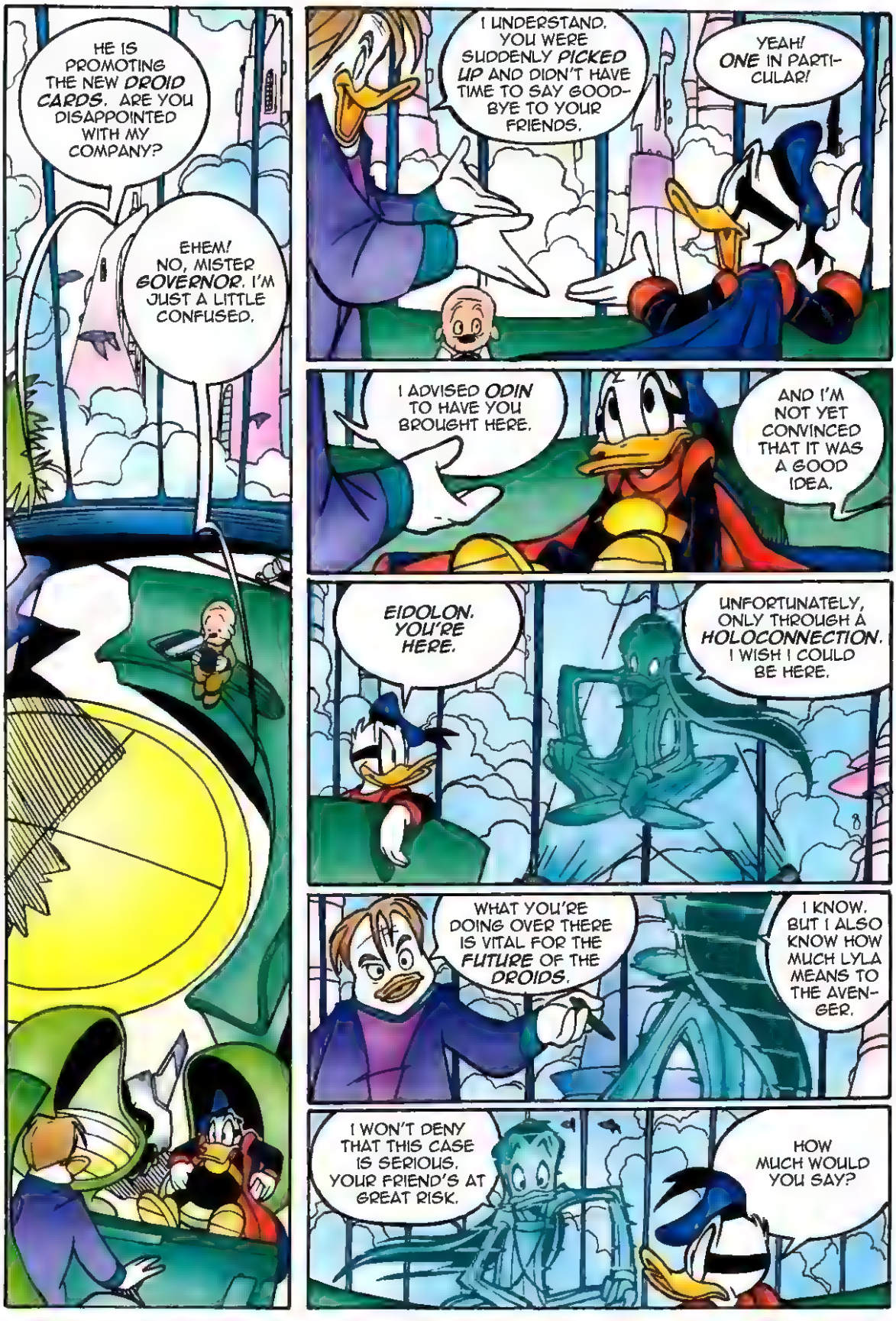
THE ESCAPEE ASSUMED THE FORM OF ANOTHER MAN. THEN THIS AGENT APPEARED AND I... I...
CALM DOWN. WHAT MAN?
ONE WHO'S... FACELESS!
?
I'M SORRY, BUT I MUST TAKE HER INTO CUSTODY.
HEY! GIVE IT A REST, PAL! DON'T YOU SEE THAT SHE'S IN SHOCK?
AN AGENT HAS BEEN WOUNDED AND THE WANTED CRIMINALS HAVE ESCAPED. I DON'T DETECT THEIR PRESENCE.
DETECT THIS, TIN HEAD.
NO, DUCK AVENGER. HE'S RIGHT! I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS TIME AND I SHOT ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES.
BUT, YOU JUST MADE A MISTAKE...
LIKE A HUMAN? NO, DUCK AVENGER. I'M NOT PROGRAMMED TO MAKE MISTAKES.

THOUGH I APPRECIATE THE COMPLIMENT.
LYLA! WAIT...
... A MINUTE.
NOW WHAT? WHAT WILL THEY DO WITH HER, IN THE FUTURE?
I CAN ANSWER THAT.
AND YOU ARE?
MY NAME IS EUGENE PHOTOMAS AND I'M A LAWYER.
FRAGILE
I'M VERY... UM... VERY... EHEM... VEEERY...
CONTENT? HAPPY? PLEASED?

EXACTLY. THAT LAST THING YOU SAID. SOMETIMES I DON'T REMEMBER THE RIGHT... UM... THINGS.
WORDS! IT'S WORDS... A LAWYER, EH?
YEAH! I KNEW THAT I'D FIND YOU HERE, IN THIS PRECISE MOMENT. MISTER... UM... DUCK REVENGER?
DUCK AVENGER! WHAT'S YOUR STORY? ARE YOU FROM THE FUTURE?
THE 23RD CENTURY. YOUR FRIEND AND ADMIRER SENT ME HERE.
ODIN EIDOLON!
THE MAN HIMSELF. HE BELIEVES YOUR TESTIMONY IS ESSENTIAL AND...
EEEH? WHAT AM I GONNA TESTIFY ABOUT?
HUH? I DIDN'T TELL YOU? HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT I FORGET THINGS?
YOUR FRIEND LYLA IS BEING PUT ON TRIAL! I AM HER DEFENSE COUNSEL.

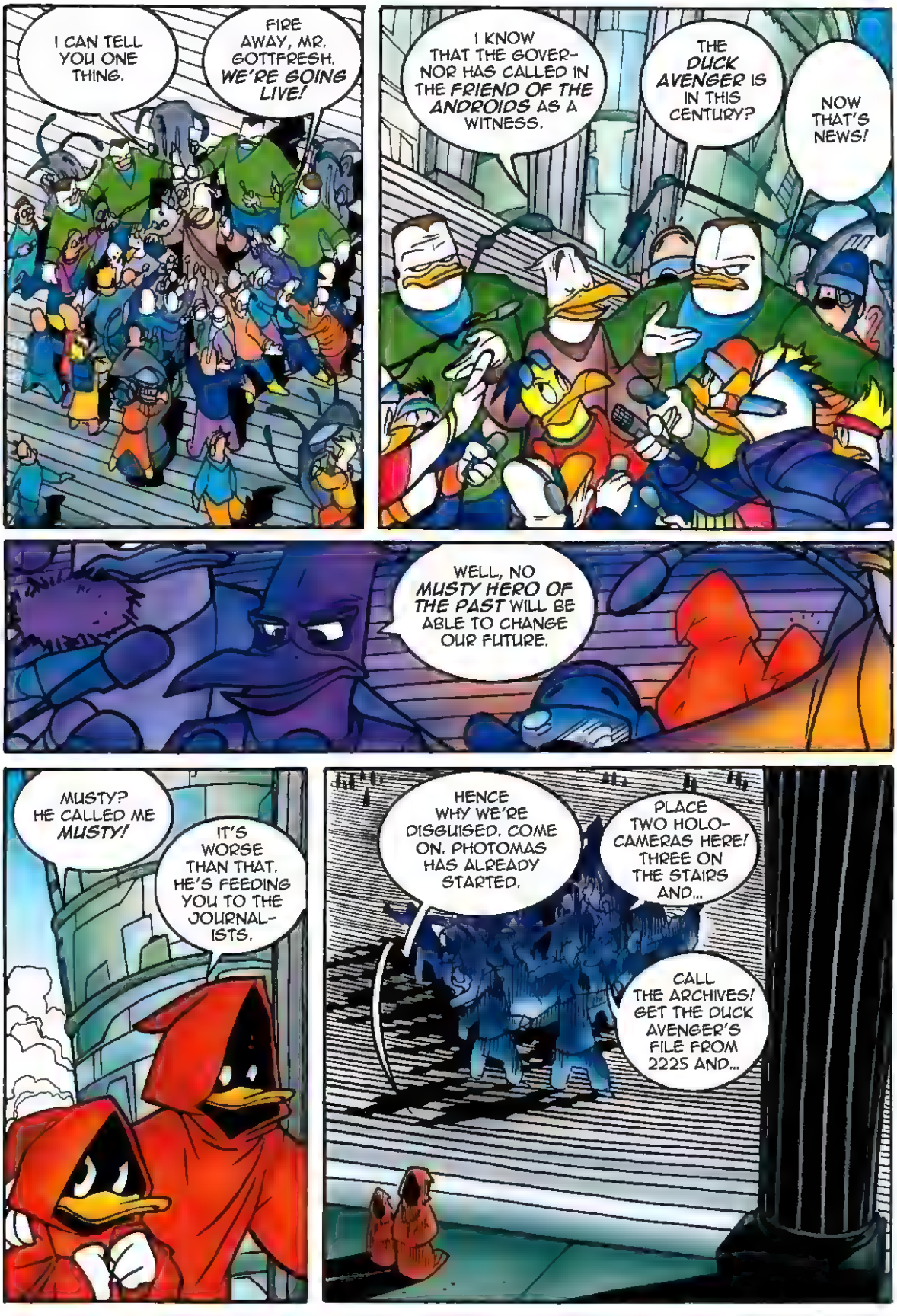
TIME, LYLA. ONLY TIME WILL MAKE EVERYTHING CLEAR.
SOON YOU'LL UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE NOT LIKE OTHER LEAVES AT THE MERCY OF THE WIND.
YOU'LL FINALLY BE ABLE TO TASTE THE LIFEBLOOD OF REMEMBRANCE.
EHEM! I AM AT A LOSS OF MEMORY.
LET'S STAY CALM, EUGENE! WE JUST TOOK A NICE LITTLE TRIP THROUGH TIME. RIGHT?
ABOUT THREE CENTURIES, TO BE EXACT.
AND IT SHOULDN'T BE SO EASY TO TRAVEL TO THE YEAR 2258.
WITH THESE NEW PORTABLE TEMPORAL TRANSPONDERS, IT'S ALMOST A JOKE.
JUST REMEMBER THE CORRECT COORDINATES TO TRAVEL TO THE CHRONOSTATION AND...
AHA!


YOU REMEMBER ALL OF THAT AND *NOT* WHERE YOU *PARKED* YOUR CAR?
SOUNDS EASY, BUT THESE PARKING LOTS ALL LOOK THE SAME.
AH, THERE IT IS! DEFINITELY. AT LEAST I THINK SO...
AND NOW TO THE *GOVERNOR'S* OFFICE!
STRAIGHT-AWAY? WILL ODIN EIDOLON ALSO BE THERE?
CLANG
WELL, I THINK... *EHEM*... MAYBE HE... *UM*... SORRY, WHAT WAS HIS NAME AGAIN?
ODIN EIDOLON IS IN *NEW WASHINGTON*, AT THE PALACE OF THE *UNITED NATIONS*.

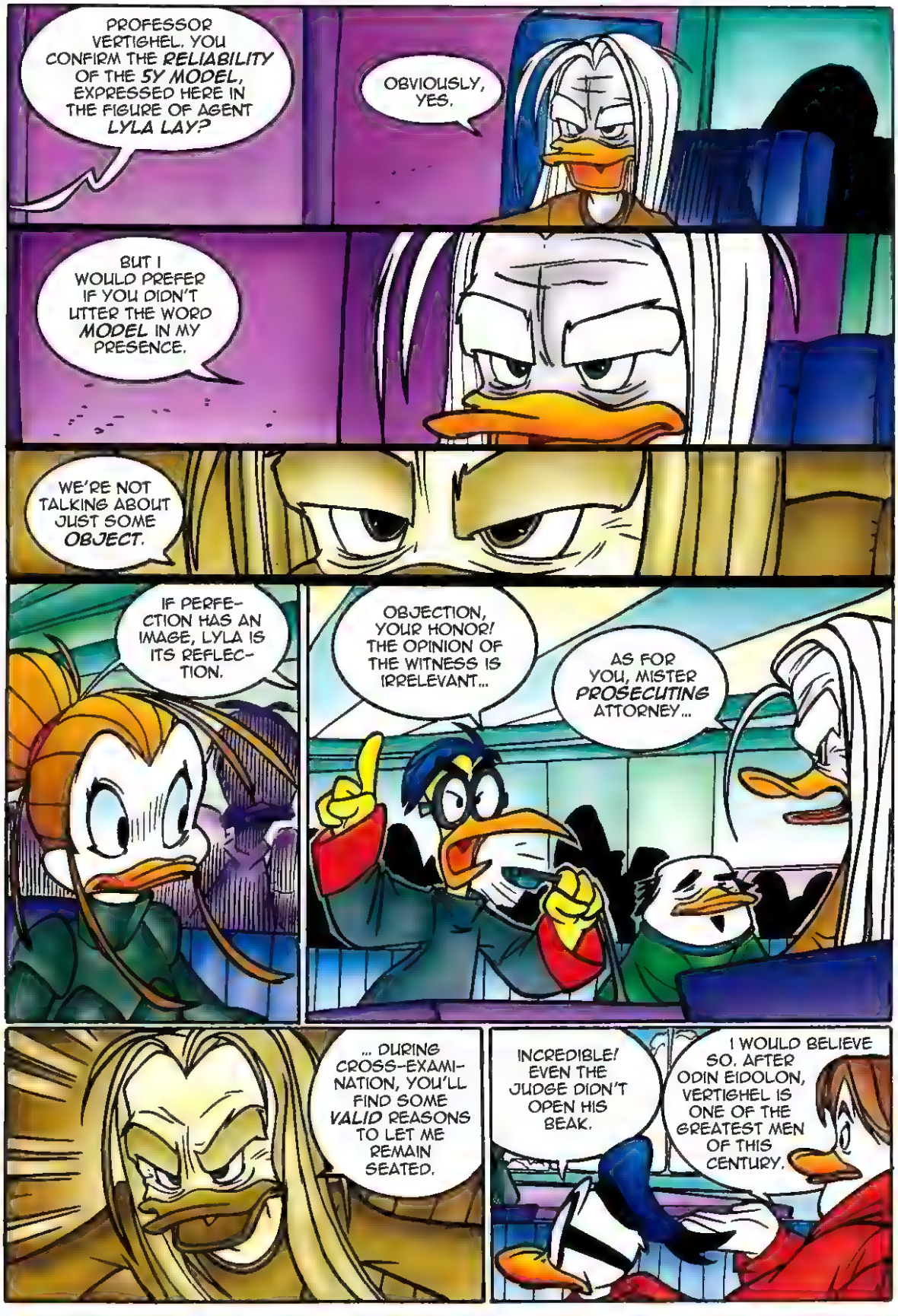

HE IS PROMOTING THE NEW DROID CARDS. ARE YOU DISAPPOINTED WITH MY COMPANY?
EHEM! NO, MISTER GOVERNOR. I'M JUST A LITTLE CONFUSED.
I UNDERSTAND. YOU WERE SUDDENLY PICKED UP AND DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO YOUR FRIENDS.
YEAH! ONE IN PARTICULAR!
I ADVISED ODIN TO HAVE YOU BROUGHT HERE.
AND I'M NOT YET CONVINCED THAT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA.
EIDOLON. YOU'RE HERE.
UNFORTUNATELY, ONLY THROUGH A HOLOCONNECTION. I WISH I COULD BE HERE.
WHAT YOU'RE DOING OVER THERE IS VITAL FOR THE FUTURE OF THE DROIDS.
I KNOW. BUT I ALSO KNOW HOW MUCH LYLA MEANS TO THE AVENGER.
I WON'T DENY THAT THIS CASE IS SERIOUS. YOUR FRIEND'S AT GREAT RISK.
HOW MUCH WOULD YOU SAY?

A LOT. UNTIL YESTERDAY, CASES LIKE THIS WOULD BE RESOLVED WITH A REVISION OF THE ACCUSED.
BUT TODAY, IN OUR STATES, THE DROID CHARTER EXISTS. AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M GOING TO DISCUSS WITH THE WORLD.
THE SYNTHETIC BEINGS ARE BEGINNING TO ENJOY THE SAME RIGHTS AS HUMANS.
AND THEREFORE, THEY HAVE THE SAME DUTIES.
A VERY POWERFUL MAN IS SERVING THE BILL OF RIGHTS.
IT'S HE WHO WANTED AND OBTAINED LYLA'S TRIAL.
FOR WHAT PURPOSE? WHAT DOES HE GAIN FROM IT?
MORE POWER. HE WANTS TO BECOME THE NEXT GOVERNOR.
HIS CURRENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS BUILT AROUND PRECISELY ONE THING...
... A NEW WORLD, WITH NO DROIDS.

I DON'T GET IT. HE HATES DROIDS, BUT CLAIMS THEIR RIGHTS.
HE DOESN'T CLAIM THEM. HE USES THEM.
THANKS TO THE CHARTER, HE HAS OBTAINED THE FIRST TRIAL IN HISTORY FOR A SYNTHETIC.
AND HE HAS PUBLICALLY QUESTIONED THE RELIABILITY OF THE TIME POLICE.
IN TRUTH, HE'S MAKING A JUDGMENT TO MY INDUSTRIES AND TO WHAT THEY REPRESENT IN TERMS OF HUMAN AND SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS.
AND WHAT IS THIS FUNNY GUY CALLED?
MR. GOTTFRESH! WE'RE FROM MEGADEHLI SUN...
MR. GOTTFRESH! JUST ONE QUESTION...
PLEASE CALM DOWN! SEAN GOTTFRESH WILL ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS DURING THE TRIAL'S FIRST RECESS...


I CAN TELL YOU ONE THING.
FIRE AWAY, MR. GOTTFRESH. WE'RE GOING LIVE!
I KNOW THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS CALLED IN THE FRIEND OF THE ANDROIDS AS A WITNESS.
THE DUCK AVENGER IS IN THIS CENTURY?
NOW THAT'S NEWS!
WELL, NO MUSTY HERO OF THE PAST WILL BE ABLE TO CHANGE OUR FUTURE.
MUSTY? HE CALLED ME MUSTY!
IT'S WORSE THAN THAT. HE'S FEEDING YOU TO THE JOURNALISTS.
HENCE WHY WE'RE DISGUISED. COME ON. PHOTOMAS HAS ALREADY STARTED.
PLACE TWO HOLO-CAMERAS HERE! THREE ON THE STAIRS AND...
CALL THE ARCHIVES! GET THE DUCK AVENGER'S FILE FROM 2225 AND...

ORDER IN THE COURT! ORDER!
TUMP
JUDGE GREEVE
YOU WERE SAYING, MR. PHOTOMAS?
I DON'T REMEMBER, YOUR HONOR. I RELY ON THE RECORD.
YOU SAID... "EHEM... YOUR HONOR... UM... WHAT DO WE DO NOW?"
DUCK AVENGER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I ALWAYS HELP MY FRIENDS, IF I HAVE TIME FOR IT. HE HE!
MR. PHOTOMAS, WE'VE HEARD THE TESTIMONY OF THE TIME POLICEMAN WHO WAS PRESENT DURING THE MISSION...
AT THIS POINT, YOU SHOULD BE CALLING THE NEXT WITNESS, RIGHT?
BRAVO! I SEE THAT YOU'RE PREPARED. I CALL TO THE STAND THE EXPERT EVALUATION OF... EHEM... LEONARD VERTIGHEL!
WHO IS THAT?
THE NUMBER ONE TECHNICIAN OF EIDOLON INDUSTRIES. HE CREATED THE DESIGN OF LYLA.


PROFESSOR VERTIGHEL, YOU CONFIRM THE RELIABILITY OF THE 5Y MODEL, EXPRESSED HERE IN THE FIGURE OF AGENT LYLA LAY?
OBVIOUSLY, YES.
BUT I WOULD PREFER IF YOU DIDN'T UTTER THE WORD MODEL IN MY PRESENCE.
WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT JUST SOME OBJECT.
IF PERFECTION HAS AN IMAGE, LYLA IS ITS REFLECTION.
OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR! THE OPINION OF THE WITNESS IS IRRELEVANT...
AS FOR YOU, MISTER PROSECUTING ATTORNEY...
... DURING CROSS-EXAMINATION, YOU'LL FIND SOME VALID REASONS TO LET ME REMAIN SEATED.
INCREDIBLE! EVEN THE JUDGE DIDN'T OPEN HIS BEAK.
I WOULD BELIEVE SO. AFTER ODIN EIDOLON, VERTIGHEL IS ONE OF THE GREATEST MEN OF THIS CENTURY.

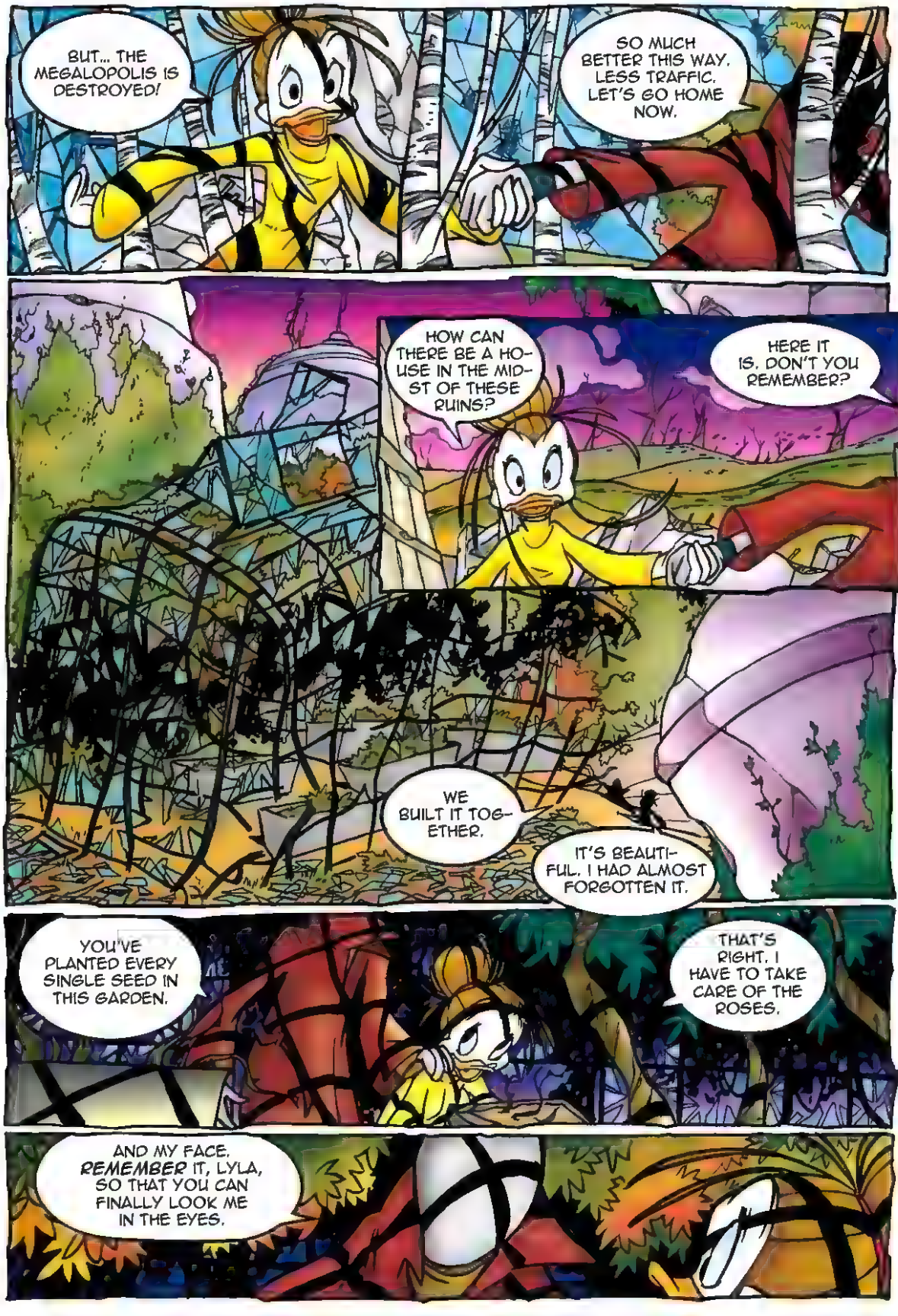
"HE POSSESSES SKILLS THAT GO BEYOND SIMPLE DESIGNS. HE'S A SUPREME ENGINEER. THE ONLY ONE WHOM ODIN TRUSTS BLINDLY."
"HIS CREATIONS HAVE AN IMPORTANT PLACE IN COLLECTIVE IMAGINATION. HE HIMSELF IS ENVELOPED BY AN AURA OF MYTH."
DRINK
SUN
GLASSES
GAME
THE HIGH QUALITY OF THE MODELS ALWAYS AMAZES ME. THEY'RE ALMOST HUMAN.
EVEN YOU ARE, BUT ONLY IN APPEARANCE.
BEG YOUR PARDON?
YOU SUPPORT THE DROIDS, BUT YOU CLEARLY CONSIDER THEM INFERIOR. WHAT GAME ARE YOU PLAYING, GOVERNOR?
THE GAME IS CALLED TEMPORAL CONTROL! AND THE ANDROIDS ARE THE PIECES, SCATTERED THROUGHOUT VARIOUS ERAS.
THESE THINGS ARE PRACTICALLY INDESTRUCTIBLE! WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY BEGAN RUNNING AMOK?

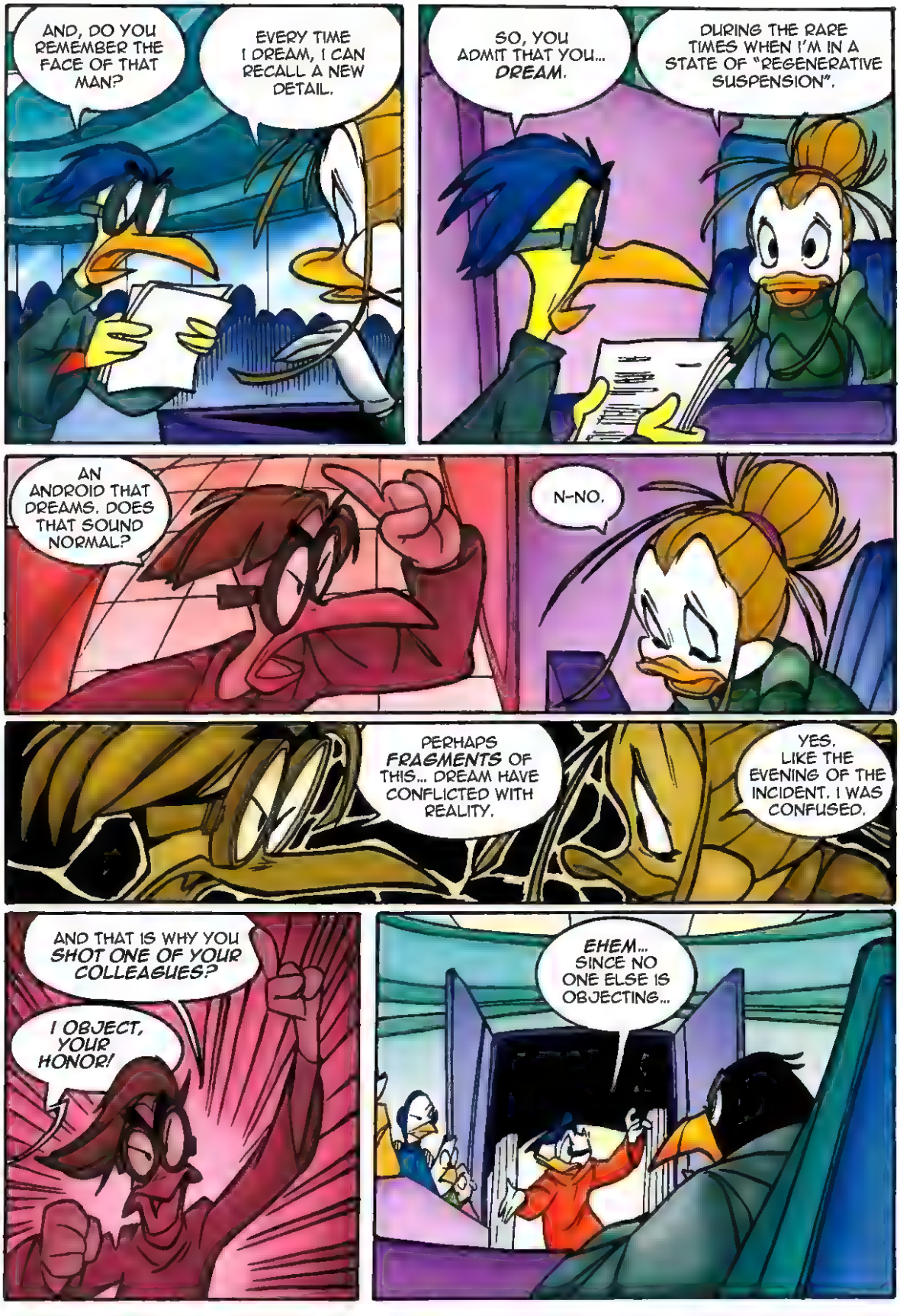
THAT'S SOMETHING I CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDE...
YOU EXCLUDE IT! BUT IT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED!
THESE ARE REPORTS OF MALFUNCTIONS OF ABOUT THIRTY CLASS 5Y DROIDS.
H-HOW DID YOU GET THOSE?
IT WASN'T EASY! THE INFORMATION WAS WELL-CONCEALED, BUT SOMEONE STROVE TO GET IT FOR ME.
DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THIS OR WOULD YOU PREFER THAT I DO IT?
NO! I HAVE PERSONALLY COMPILED THOSE REPORTS.
"SOME INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEGUN TO BEHAVE IN INEXPLICABLE WAYS AND CAUSED DAMAGE... OFTEN IRREVERSIBLE."
ZAM!
NOT EVEN AFTER CAREFUL STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS HAVE I DISCOVERED THE ORIGIN OF THEIR BEHAVIOR.
OF COURSE! THIS MIGHT BE A MANUFACTURING ERROR!

DO YOU REALIZE THE GRAVITY OF YOUR ACCUSATIONS?
YES, I SAY THERE'S SOMETHING *SHADY* GOING ON IN EIDOLON INDUSTRIES!
THE TIME HAS COME FOR A CLEANUP! STARTING *WITH HER!*
DON'T YOU DARE USE HER FOR YOUR OWN MISERABLE GOALS! OTHERWISE...
YES! GIVE IT TO HIM! DISINTEGRATE HIM! SHOW HIM WHO YOU ARE!
OOPS!
THROWN OUT. I'M PRACTICALLY BEING PUNISHED.
THE JUDGE IS VERY STRICT. YOU RISKED LOSING YOUR TESTIMONY.

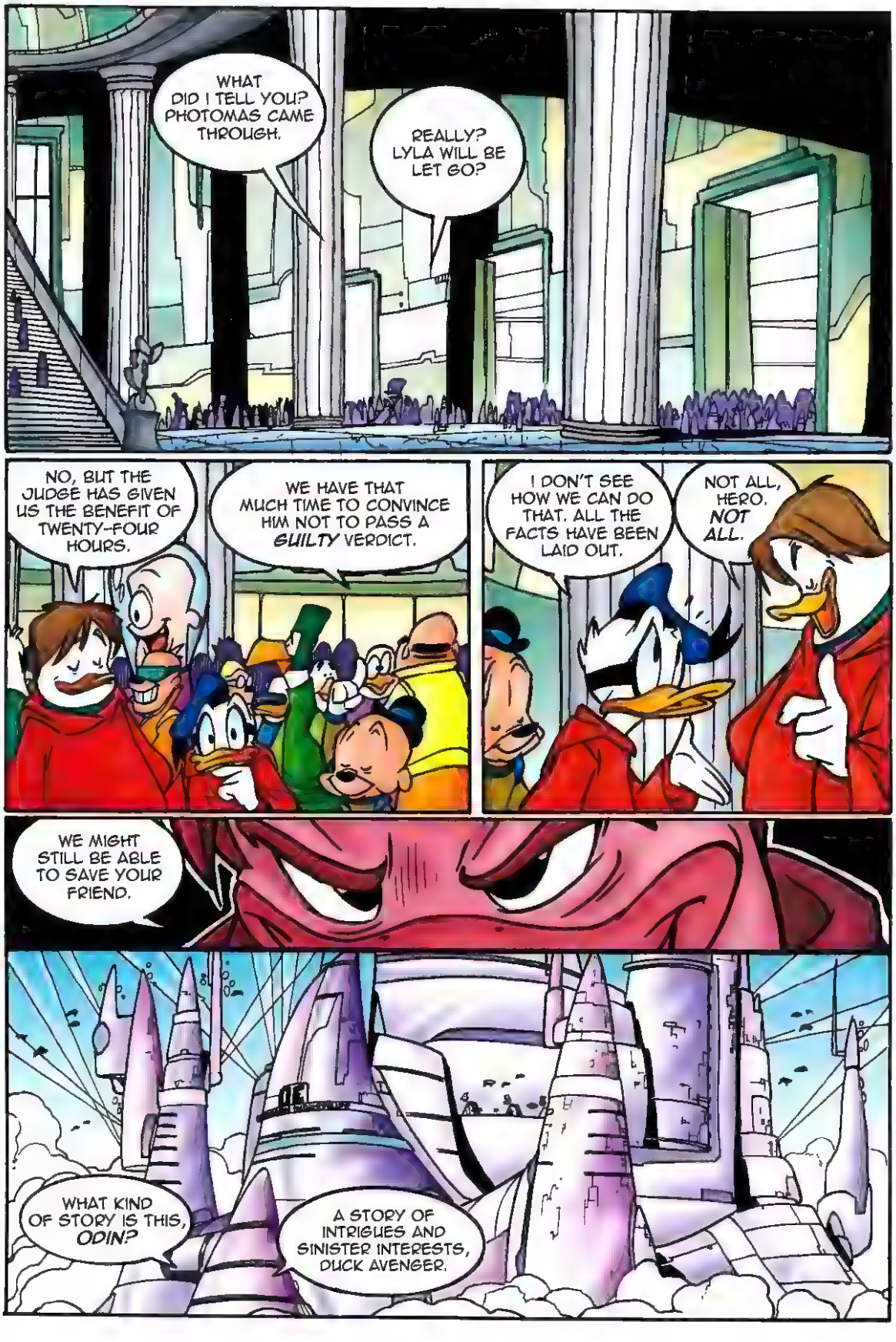
ME AND MY BAD TEMPER. RIGHT NOW IT'S UP TO LYLA.
YOU ARE IMPULSIVE, BUT I UNDERSTAND YOU.
VERTIGHEL!
LOOK AT HER, AS SHE SITS ON THE WITNESS STAND. SHE'S SCARED. CONFUSED. ALONE.
FOR HER, THIS IS ALL A NIGHTMARE. OR PERHAPS IT'S SIMPLY JUST...
"... A DREAM!"
LYLA!
I'M COMING. I'M JUST PICKING UP LEAVES. THEY ARE SO BEAUTIFUL.
LYLA, I'M WAITING. UP HERE ON THE HILL.
WHAT A WONDERFUL SCENT. WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME WE WENT FOR A WALK?
COME WITH ME AND WATCH THE SUNSET.
I CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER. IT'S LIKE I'M... STUCK.

HURRY, LYLA. THE SUN WILL NOT WAIT.
I'M COMING.
GIVE ME YOUR HAND. I'LL HELP YOU. I DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS...
... THE SPE-CTACLE.

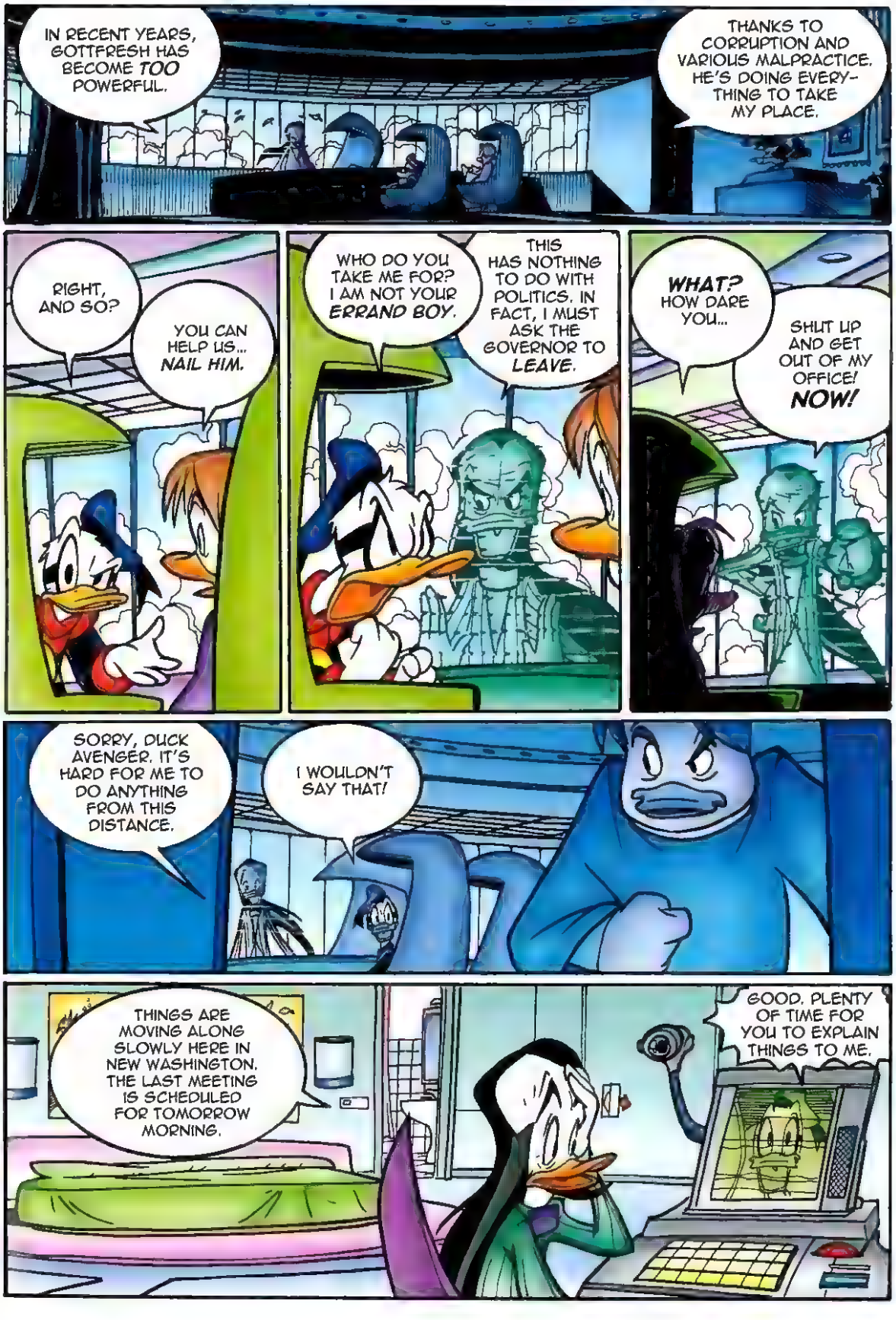

BUT... THE MEGALOPOLIS IS DESTROYED!
SO MUCH BETTER THIS WAY. LESS TRAFFIC. LET'S GO HOME NOW.
HOW CAN THERE BE A HOUSE IN THE MIDST OF THESE RUINS?
HERE IT IS. DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
WE BUILT IT TOGETHER.
IT'S BEAUTIFUL. I HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN IT.
YOU'VE PLANTED EVERY SINGLE SEED IN THIS GARDEN.
THAT'S RIGHT. I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THE ROSES.
AND MY FACE. *REMEMBER* IT, LYLA, SO THAT YOU CAN FINALLY LOOK ME IN THE EYES.

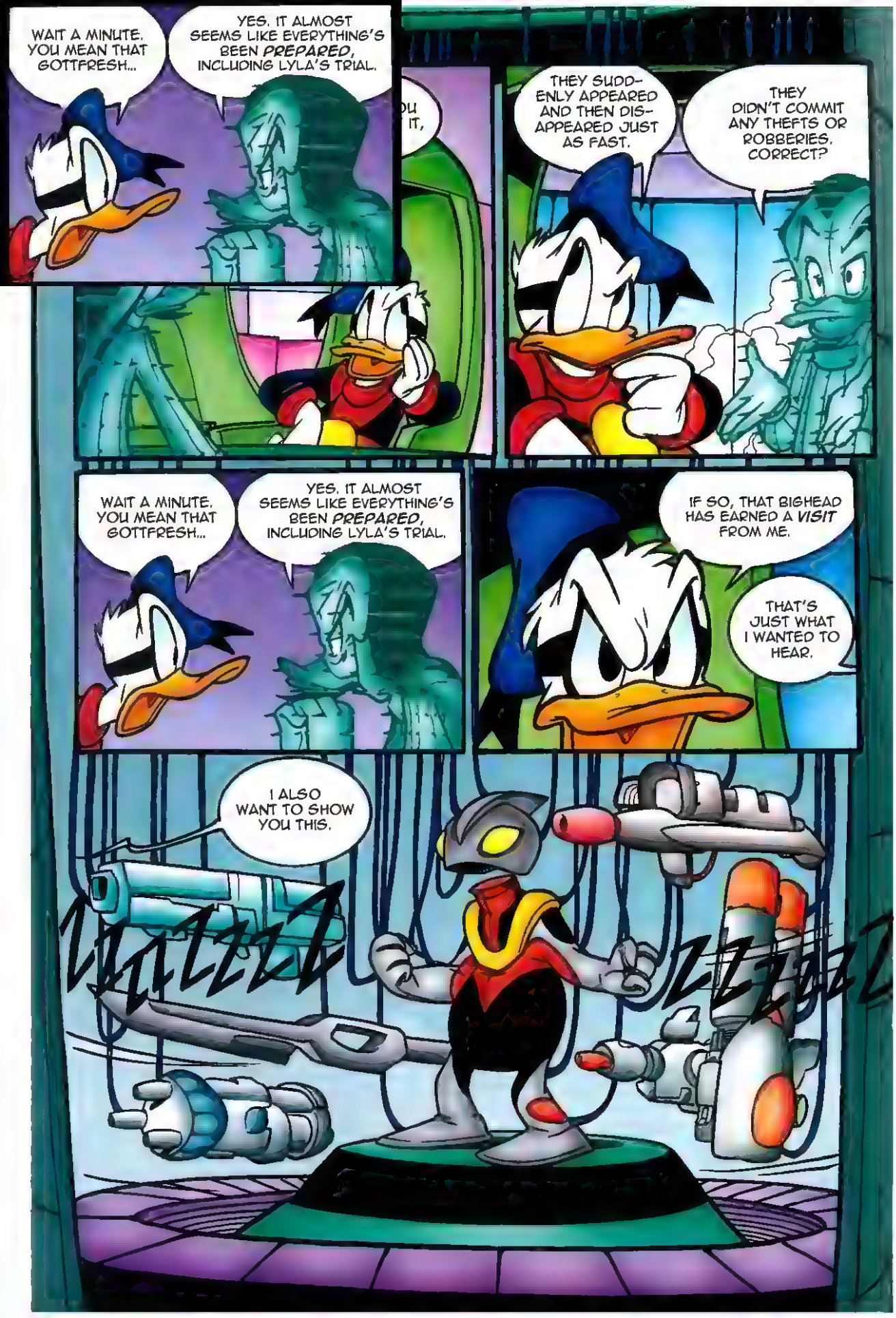

AND, DO YOU REMEMBER THE FACE OF THAT MAN?
EVERY TIME I DREAM, I CAN RECALL A NEW DETAIL.
SO, YOU ADMIT THAT YOU... DREAM.
DURING THE RARE TIMES WHEN I'M IN A STATE OF "REGENERATIVE SUSPENSION".
AN ANDROID THAT DREAMS. DOES THAT SOUND NORMAL?
N-NO.
PERHAPS FRAGMENTS OF THIS... DREAM HAVE CONFLICTED WITH REALITY.
YES. LIKE THE EVENING OF THE INCIDENT. I WAS CONFUSED.
AND THAT IS WHY YOU SHOT ONE OF YOUR COLLEAGUES?
I OBJECT, YOUR HONOR!
EHEM... SINCE NO ONE ELSE IS OBJECTING...

THAT WASN'T A SMART MOVE, EH?
I SAY IT WASN'T. THERE WENT YOUR TESTIMONY. NOW LYLA IS IN THE HANDS OF PHOTOMAS.
GREAT, THAT GUY. I WONDER WHY EIDOLON ACQUIRED SUCH AN INCOMPETENT MAN.
YOU ARE MISTAKEN. HE'S THIS STATE'S BEST DEFENSE ATTORNEY.
HE'S A LITTLE FORGETFUL, BUT HE'S ABLE TO PULL OUT THE RIGHT WORDS AT THE RIGHT TIME.
AND, THEREFORE, I LEAN TO ARTICLE 7289 BIS AND CITE THE CASE OF BENS AGAINST KIRKLAND, YEAR 2243...
... SIMILAR TO THE ALREADY CITED CASES OF JONES AGAINST GRABLE AND WONG AGAINST LEE IN THE YEAR 2234, WIDELY DOCU...
OKAY, I GET IT. YOU'VE BEEN TALKING FOR TWENTY MINUTES.
THE COURT WILL ADJOURN TO DELIBERATE AND GRANTS THE BENEFIT OF TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.


WHAT DID I TELL YOU? PHOTOMAS CAME THROUGH.
REALLY? LYLA WILL BE LET GO?
NO, BUT THE JUDGE HAS GIVEN US THE BENEFIT OF TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.
WE HAVE THAT MUCH TIME TO CONVINCE HIM NOT TO PASS A GUILTY VERDICT.
I DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN DO THAT. ALL THE FACTS HAVE BEEN LAID OUT.
NOT ALL, HERO. NOT ALL.
WE MIGHT STILL BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR FRIEND.
WHAT KIND OF STORY IS THIS, ODIN?
A STORY OF INTRIGUES AND SINISTER INTERESTS, DUCK AVENGER.

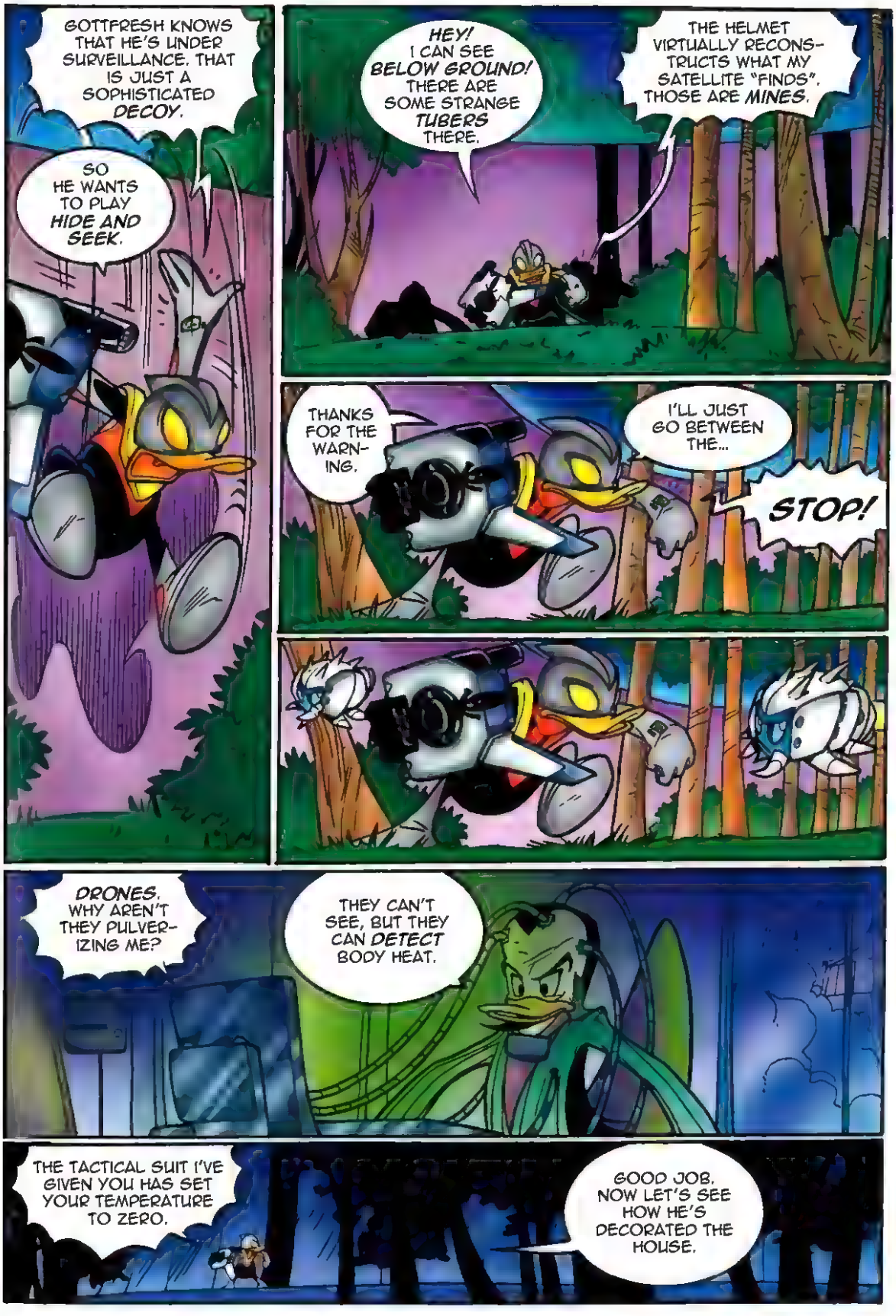
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE ORGANIZATION?
THE TIME PIRATES! I'VE HAD THE DISPLEASURE OF MEETING THEM.
THEN YOU'D KNOW THAT THEY RAID BACK AND FORTH IN TIME.
YEAH, BUT WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO DO WITH ALL OF THIS?
THE TIME POLICE ALSO EXIST TO PREVENT THEIR ACTIVITIES.
AND WE ALL KNOW WHO WANTS TO GET RID OF THEM.
EIDOLON INDUSTRIES
GATES
17-A
SEAN GOTTFRESH!
EXACTLY. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN PROOF OF HIS TIES TO THE ORGANIZATION...
... BUT SOMEONE'S ALREADY PUBLICLY SPREADING THESE SUSPICIONS.
IT'S THE ONLY STRONG POINT IN MY CAMPAIGN.
IS IT ONLY SPECULATION TO DISCREDIT HIM?
NO. I'M CONVINCED THAT THERE'S TRUTH TO IT.


IN RECENT YEARS, GOTTFRESH HAS BECOME *TOO* POWERFUL.
THANKS TO CORRUPTION AND VARIOUS MALPRACTICE. HE'S DOING EVERYTHING TO TAKE MY PLACE.
RIGHT, AND SO?
YOU CAN HELP US... *NAIL HIM.*
WHO DO YOU TAKE ME FOR? I AM NOT YOUR *ERRAND BOY.*
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH POLITICS. IN FACT, I MUST ASK THE GOVERNOR TO *LEAVE.*
WHAT? HOW DARE YOU...
SHUT UP AND GET OUT OF MY OFFICE! *NOW!*
SORRY, DUCK AVENGER. IT'S HARD FOR ME TO DO ANYTHING FROM THIS DISTANCE.
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT!
THINGS ARE MOVING ALONG SLOWLY HERE IN NEW WASHINGTON. THE LAST MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW MORNING.
GOOD. PLENTY OF TIME FOR YOU TO EXPLAIN THINGS TO ME.


WAIT A MINUTE. YOU MEAN THAT GOTTFRESH...
YES. IT ALMOST SEEMS LIKE EVERYTHING'S BEEN *PREPARED*, INCLUDING LYLA'S TRIAL.
IT,
THEY SUDD-ENLY APPEARED AND THEN DIS-APPEARED JUST AS FAST.
THEY DIDN'T COMMIT ANY THEFTS OR ROBBERIES, CORRECT?
WAIT A MINUTE. YOU MEAN THAT GOTTFRESH...
YES. IT ALMOST SEEMS LIKE EVERYTHING'S BEEN *PREPARED*, INCLUDING LYLA'S TRIAL.
IF SO, THAT BIGHEAD HAS EARNED A *VISIT* FROM ME.
THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR.
I ALSO WANT TO SHOW YOU THIS.

AUTUMN IS ENDING. A COLD BREEZE ENTERS OUR SOULS.
THE TRUTH IS A MEMORY COVERED IN LEAVES, LYLA.
TO MAKE IT EMERGE, A GUST OF WIND IS ALL THAT'S NEEDED.
GUARDS. DRONES. ANTI-INTRUSION SYSTEMS. ONE FORTRESS.
GOTTFRESH'S VILLA IS IMPENETRABLE, EVEN WITH THESE TOYS YOU'VE PROVIDED ME.
I DON'T REMEMBER YOU BEING SO PESSIMISTIC.

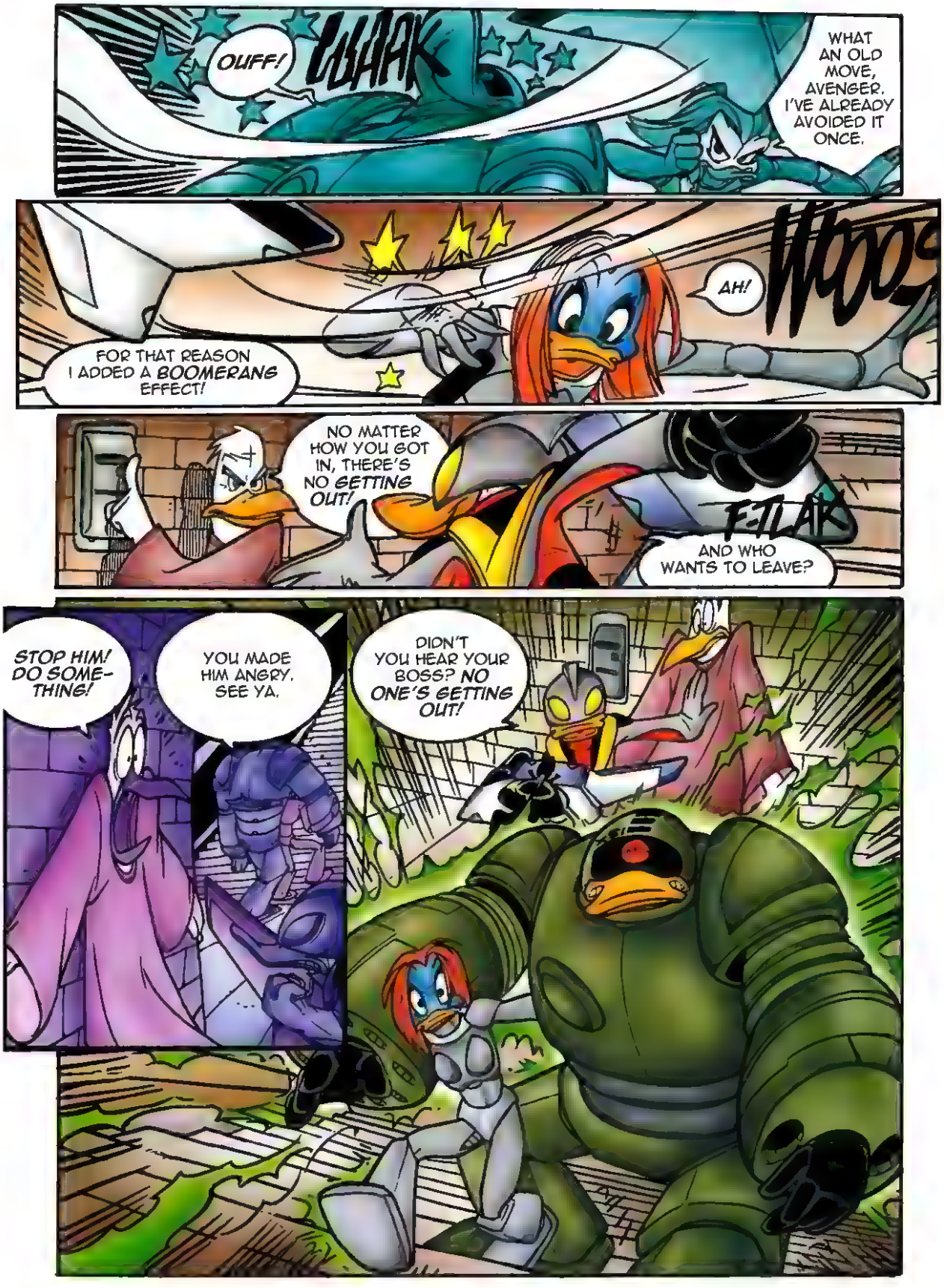
ALTHOUGH ALL OF THIS REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING.
AH, YES? WHAT WOULD THAT BE?
WELL, THESE WEAPONS, YOUR VIDEO CONTACT...
DO YOU MEAN TO REVEAL A SECRET OF YOURS TO ME, DUCK AVENGER?
EHEM! NO! MY FRIEND WILL GET MAD. LET'S GET TO IT...
HE HE! THAT'D BE BETTER.
MAYBE I COULD JUST KNOCK. GOTTFRESH IS DINING.
YOU SURE?
WELL, I SEE A PRETTY FAMILY PICTURE. IT'S LIKE AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR CRACKERS.
EXACTLY. DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE AN ANDROID WHEN YOU SEE IT?
WHAT? YOU MEAN THAT IT'S ALL... FAKE?


GOTTFRESH KNOWS THAT HE'S UNDER SURVEILLANCE. THAT IS JUST A SOPHISTICATED DECOY.
SO HE WANTS TO PLAY HIDE AND SEEK.
HEY! I CAN SEE BELOW GROUND! THERE ARE SOME STRANGE TUBERS THERE.
THE HELMET VIRTUALLY RECONSTRUCTS WHAT MY SATELLITE "FINDS". THOSE ARE MINES.
THANKS FOR THE WARNING.
I'LL JUST GO BETWEEN THE...
STOP!
DRONES. WHY AREN'T THEY PULVERIZING ME?
THEY CAN'T SEE, BUT THEY CAN DETECT BODY HEAT.
THE TACTICAL SUIT I'VE GIVEN YOU HAS SET YOUR TEMPERATURE TO ZERO.
GOOD JOB. NOW LET'S SEE HOW HE'S DECORATED THE HOUSE.

VERY NICE, BUT IT'S SWARMING WITH ALARM SYSTEMS.
I GET THE IMPRESSION THAT GOTTFRESH WANTS TO HIDE SOMETHING.
IT'S THE EVE BEFORE LYLA'S CONVICTION. I BET HE'S CELEBRATING.
AND I CAN ALSO IMAGINE WHAT FRIENDLY *GUESTS* HE'S INVITED.
GET OUT!
CALM DOWN, GOTTFRESH. WE ARE HERE FOR *PAYMENT*.
I'M PAYING YOU NOTHING. I HAVE SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS WITH YOUR SUPERIORS.
NO ONE GIVES ORDERS. *THE ORGANIZATION DOESN'T PAY US.*
AND YOU OUGHT TO *CONTRIBUTE*.

BINGO! LADY LUCK SMILES ON THE BRAVE.
WAIT BEFORE CALLING YOURSELF LUCKY.
YOU HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE DID A GOOD JOB.
NOT TO MENTION THE RISKS WE TOOK.
RISKS? YOU ONLY HAD TO DRAW LYLA TO THE ARRANGED LOCATION.
MY TECHNICIANS TOOK BIG RISKS. THEY HAD TO ASSEMBLE AN ARTIFICIAL TIME POLICEMAN...
... TO MAKE THE SCENE CREDIBLE! IT WAS WE WHO SUBSTITUTED IT WITH ITS BIOLOGICAL COUNTERPART WHEN IT RETURNED HERE!

YEAH, BUT WE HAD TO DEAL WITH THE DUCK AVENGER.
OF ALL THE 5Y MODELS, WHY DID YOU CHOOSE LYLA? YOU KNEW THAT SHE WAS A FRIEND OF THAT DUCK.
THAT WAS THE POINT, YOU BIONIC FOOLS!
BY GETTING THE DUCK AVENGER TO TESTIFY, THE GOVERNOR PLAYED RIGHT INTO MY HAND.
I USED THAT MUSTY HERO TO MAXIMIZE THE PUBLICITY OF THE TRIAL.
STAY CALM. STAY...
WOOSH
BAD CHOICE, YOU BUFFOON! I'M STILL A USED GUARANTEE!


OUFF!
WHAT AN OLD MOVE, AVENGER. I'VE ALREADY AVOIDED IT ONCE.
FOR THAT REASON I ADDED A BOOMERANG EFFECT!
AH!
NO MATTER HOW YOU GOT IN, THERE'S NO GETTING OUT!
AND WHO WANTS TO LEAVE?
STOP HIM! DO SOMETHING!
YOU MADE HIM ANGRY. SEE YA.
DIDN'T YOU HEAR YOUR BOSS? NO ONE'S GETTING OUT!

FLOOOM
WHAT THE...
KRAM
SEC
SEC
SEC
BZARRR
IT'S THE ARRIVAL OF MY PERSONAL ARMY. YOU'RE FRIED, HERO!
ASSAULT DRONES AND ARMED GUARDS. YOU'RE SURROUNDED.
F.TOOOM

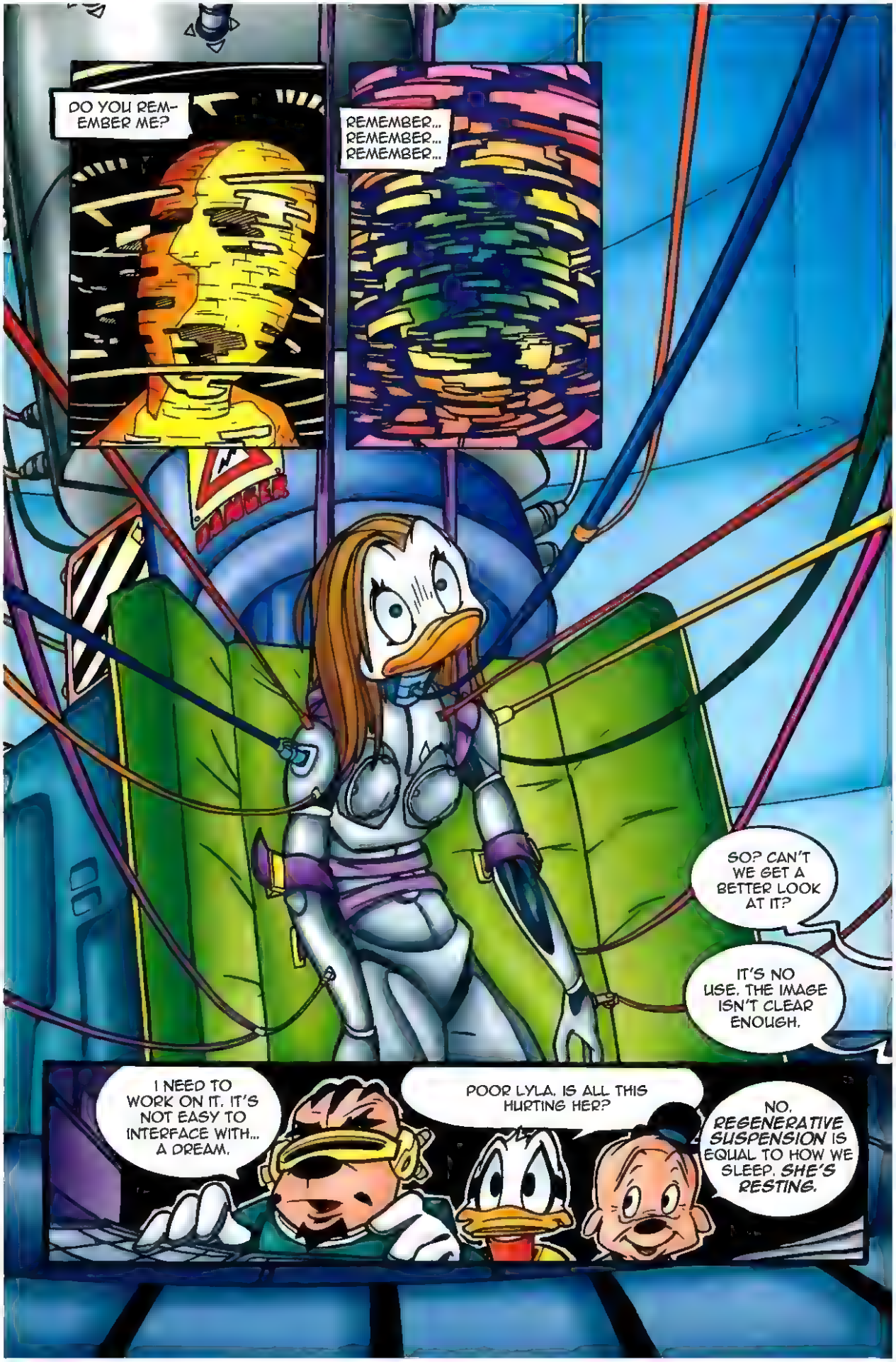
SO, HOW ABOUT A NICE MIXED FRYING? COME HERE!
B-ZAARP
NO!
F-TOOOM
AS I THOUGHT. THEY ALL STOPPED.
RELEASE ME AT ONCE!
DUCK AVENGER. THE DRONES ARE CONNECTED WITH THE VIDEO SURVEILLANCE ROOM.
ALRIGHT. SINCE THERE'S AN AUDIENCE AND ALSO CAMERAS...
... START TALKING.

ANYTHING YOU SAY CAN AND WILL BE USED AGAINST YOU IN A COURT OF LAW!
TAKE IT EASY! I'M THE GOOD GUY! THOSE ARE THE WANTED BAD GUYS!
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY, ONE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR YOU.
HI! DID SOMEONE SAY ATTORNEY?
GREAT TIMING, PHOTOMAS!
I ALREADY KNOW! UNWARRANTED ENTRY! ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION! YOU'RE IN TROUBLE, FRIEND!
WHAT?
DID YOU ALREADY FORGET WHO I AM?
IF YOU WOULD ALLOW, I'D LIKE TO ACCOMPANY MY CLIENT.
AH! GOVERNOR...
SHHH! GET IN AND SHUT YOUR BEAK!

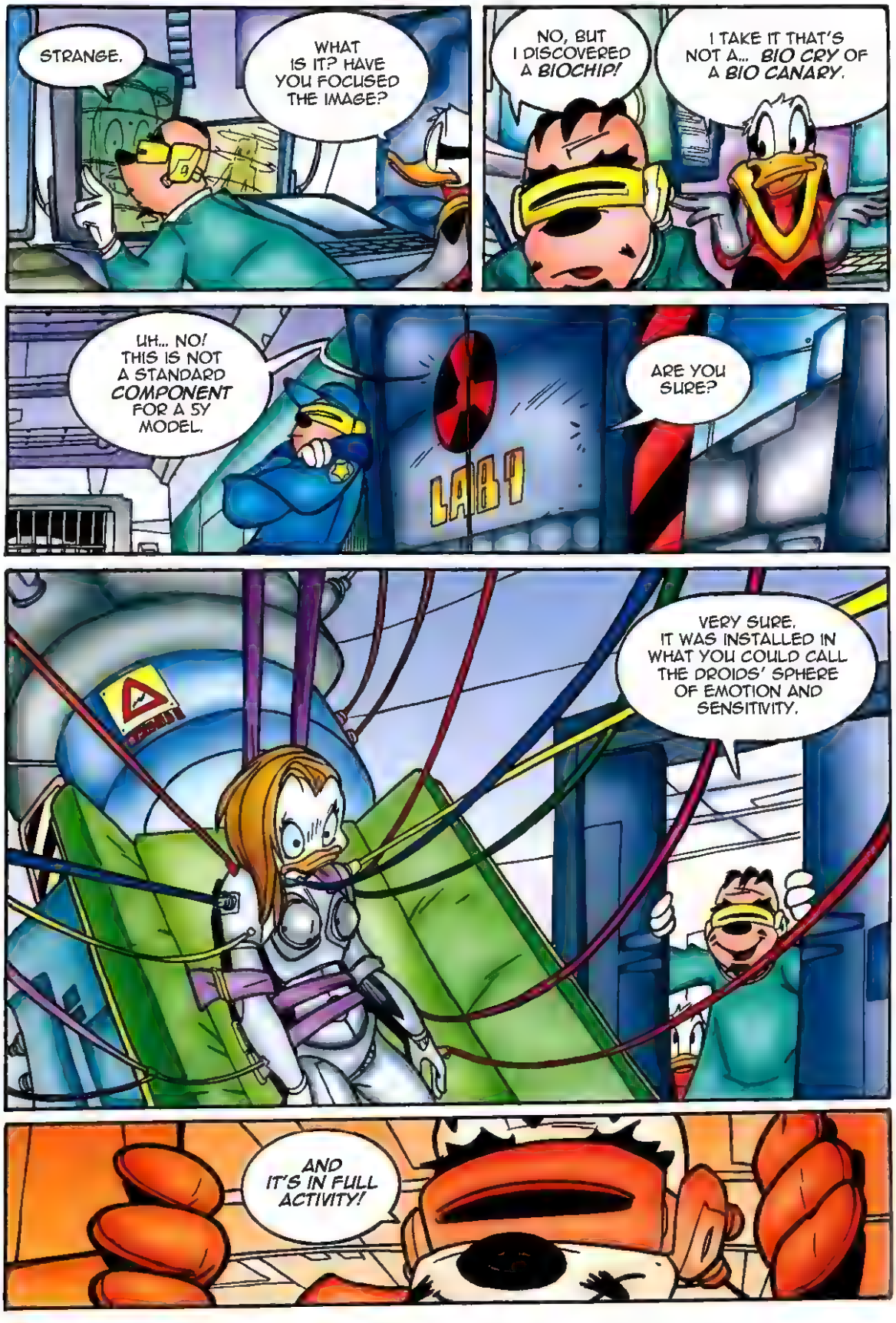
HAVE YOU SEEN THE SURVEILLANCE RECORDINGS OF GOTTFRESH?
I ALREADY HAVE A COPY AND, DESPITE OUR DISAGREEMENTS, I WANT TO THANK YOU.
SIX
ALTHOUGH THIS DOCUMENT ISN'T GOOD FOR ANY LEGAL PURPOSES.
IT WAS MADE UNDER THREAT. NO JUDGE WILL APPROVE OF IT.
BUT THAT'S A TRUE AND PROPER CONFESSION!
BUT IT WILL ENCOURAGE GOTTFRESH TO WITHDRAW FROM THE POLITICAL SCENE.
THAT'S BLACKMAIL! NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW THE TRUTH!
THE TRUTH ISN'T GOOD FOR ANYTHING. IN FACT, IT DOESN'T EXPLAIN THE TECHNICAL DEFECTS OF YOUR FRIEND.
YOU HAVE USED ME AND EVEN INVOLVED EIDOLON.
POOR ODIN! DELUDING HIMSELF INTO THINKING THAT POLITICS AND PROGRESS GO HAND IN HAND.

I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS, GOVERNOR.
O-ODIN?
I WAS JOKING. I WAS...
SAVE YOUR BREATH.
TWINNK
WHY DID YOU CUT OFF COMMUNIC-ATION?
I'M GOING TO DO SOMETHING EIDOLON WOULDN'T APPROVE OF.
SBRHAA!
THE STRENGTH OF THIS POLYMER-IZED FABRIC SURPRISES ME.
AHHH! HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?
NO! I'VE JUST DECIDED TO USE YOU A LITTLE BIT TOO.
FOOOM

TO PUT IT THIS WAY, YOU OWE ME A FAVOR.
I'VE MADE SURE YOU'RE A FREE MAN AFTER WHAT YOU DID TONIGHT! WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT?
I WANT YOU TO DO SOMETHING FOR LYLA.
EHEM... THERE IS A SOLUTION.
TELL HIM! TELL HIM NOW, PLEASE!
THE PROBLEM IS THAT I DON'T REMEMBER AND...
PHOTOMAS!
CALM DOWN, GOVERNOR.
I WAS JOKING.


DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
REMEMBER... REMEMBER... REMEMBER...
DANGER
SO? CAN'T WE GET A BETTER LOOK AT IT?
IT'S NO USE. THE IMAGE ISN'T CLEAR ENOUGH.
I NEED TO WORK ON IT. IT'S NOT EASY TO INTERFACE WITH... A DREAM.
POOR LYLA. IS ALL THIS HURTING HER?
NO. REGENERATIVE SUSPENSION IS EQUAL TO HOW WE SLEEP. SHE'S RESTING.

YOU THINK THE KEY TO EVERYTHING IS THE FACE OF THAT MAN?
IT'S AN ATTEMPT LIKE ANY OTHER. MOREOVER, IT'S ALMOST LEGAL.
MY CLIENT IS ENTITLED TO A SECOND STRUCTURAL VISIT.
IN THAT REGARD, MY HANDS ARE TIED.
I'M JUST A PRISON CELL TECHNICIAN. THE ONLY ONE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL VISITS IS LEONARD VERTIGHEL.
REALLY? AND WHERE'S HE?
SLEEPING PEACEFULLY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CITY.
GIVEN THE UNORTHODOX WAY YOU GOT PERMISSION FOR THE VISIT...
IT'S BEST NOT TO ASK TOO MUCH. GOT IT.
ANR


STRANGE.
WHAT IS IT? HAVE YOU FOCUSED THE IMAGE?
NO, BUT I DISCOVERED A BIOCHIP!
I TAKE IT THAT'S NOT A... BIO CRY OF A BIO CANARY.
UH... NO! THIS IS NOT A STANDARD COMPONENT FOR A SY MODEL.
ARE YOU SURE?
LAB 9
VERY SURE. IT WAS INSTALLED IN WHAT YOU COULD CALL THE DROIDS' SPHERE OF EMOTION AND SENSITIVITY.
AND IT'S IN FULL ACTIVITY!

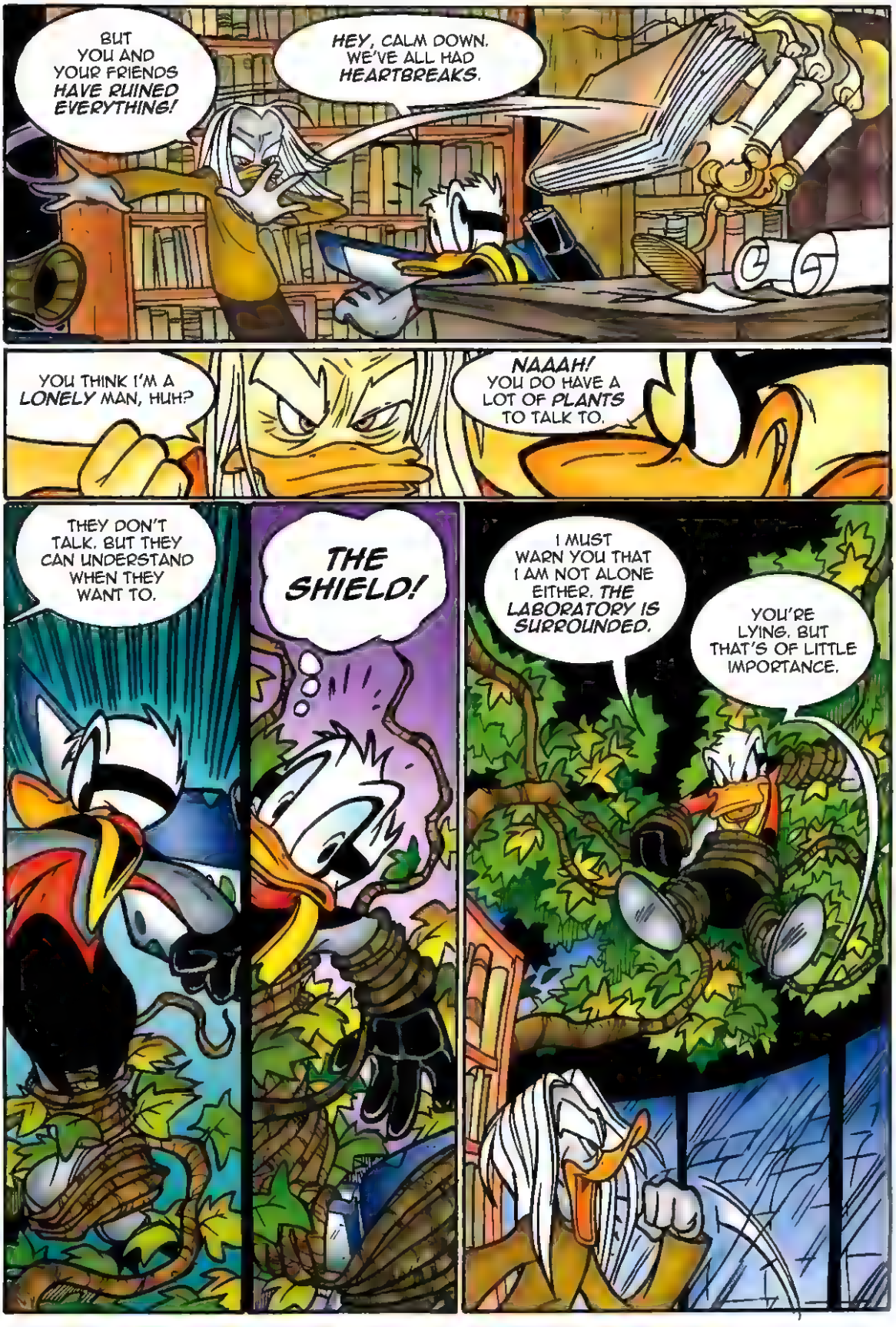
OUR BRIEF SEASON IS OVER, LYLA.
FOR YOU, IT WAS AS SHORT AS THE TIME OF A CONFUSED DREAM IS.
PERHAPS YOU'LL NEVER KNOW THAT THE DREAM...
... WAS ALSO MINE.

THE DARKNESS SUITS YOU, MR. DUCK AVENGER.
HOW DID YOU KNOW?
I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU THAT.
YOU'VE VISITED LYLA. YOU COULDN'T BE UNAWARE...
... OF THE BIOCHIP? IT'S OBVIOUS. IT IS MY CREATION.
I DIDN'T INCLUDE THEM IN ALL OF THE SY'S. ONLY THOSE I CONSIDERED PERFECT.
THE BIOCHIPS ARE ACTIVATED MANY YEARS AFTER INSTALLATION, BUT ARE ALSO INEXPLICABLY UNSTABLE.
AND THAT'S WHY ALL THE DROIDS SIMILAR TO LYLA RAN AMOK?
AN UNEXPECTED EFFECT. THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE BEHAVED LIKE THAT.

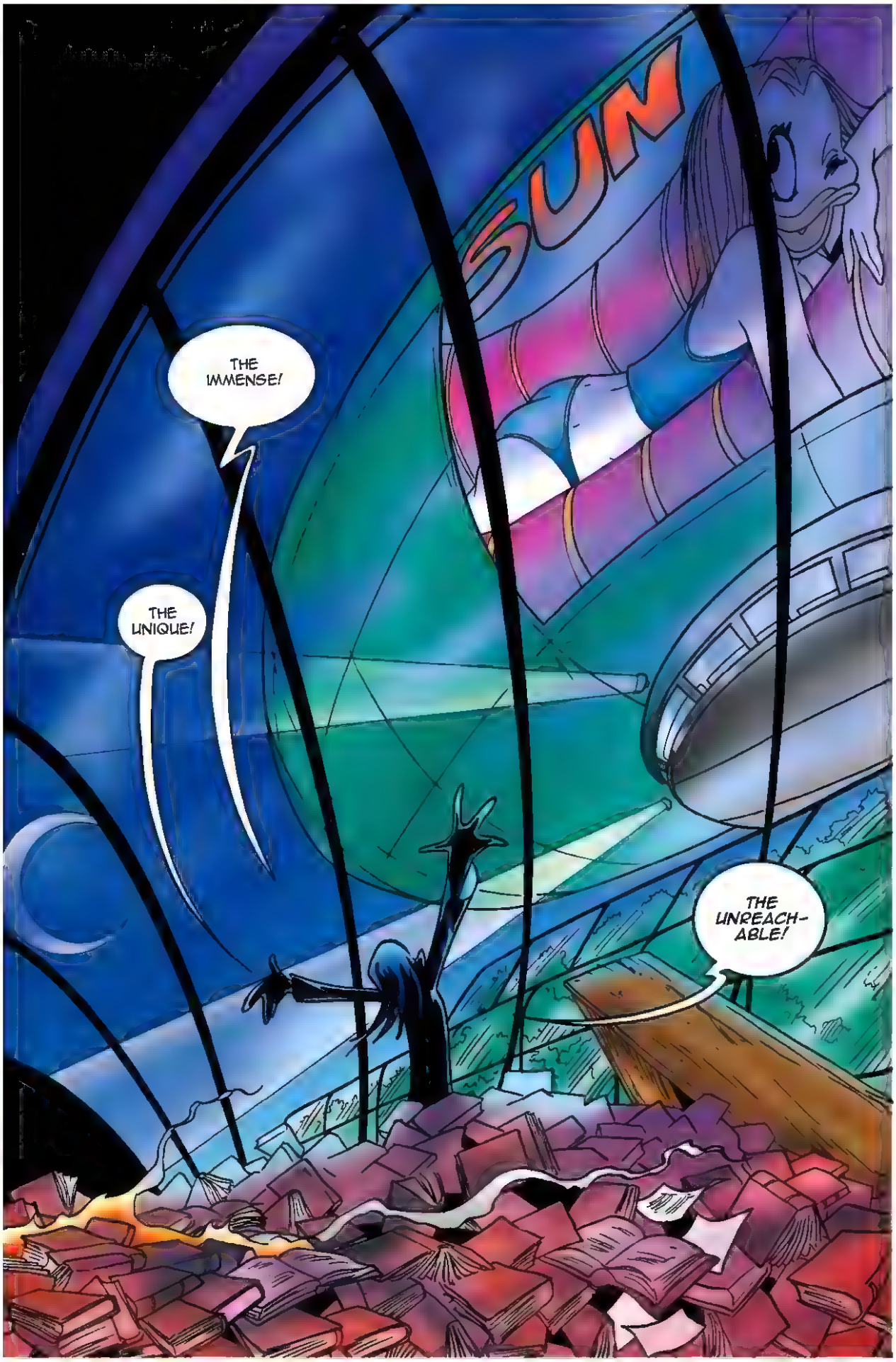
AND ODIN EIDOLON? HE WAS UNAWARE OF EVERYTHING?
HE'D NEVER UNDERSTAND. YOU DON'T KNOW HIM.
LET ME GUESS.
YOU DID THIS IN ORDER TO CREATE A SMALL PERSONAL ARMY TO CONQUER THE WORLD.
TELL ME THE TRUTH. DO YOU READ A LOT OF COMIC BOOKS?
WELL, SOMETIMES I... EH?
LOOK AROUND YOU, MR. DUCK AVENGER. THE WORLD IS ALREADY MINE!
HA HA HA! CONGRATU-LATIONS!
SEE? I HAVE A NOSE FOR THESE THINGS.

I HAVE CREATED THE IMAGE OF THE FUTURE!
BUT IT'S THE PAST WE MUST LOOK AT. THINGS USED TO HAVE MORE FLAVOR.
AH YES! I KNOW A GRANDMA WHO MAKES DELICIOUS CAKES.
YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU? I'VE SPENT A LIFETIME TRYING TO FIND THE PERFECT IMAGE.
AND I FOUND IT.
LYLA.
YES. IN YOUR OPINION, WHY DOES A MAN CHASE HIS DREAMS?
A QUESTION FOR A LATE NIGHT TALK SHOW. WHAT'S THE ANSWER?
FOR LOVE... JUST FOR LOVE.

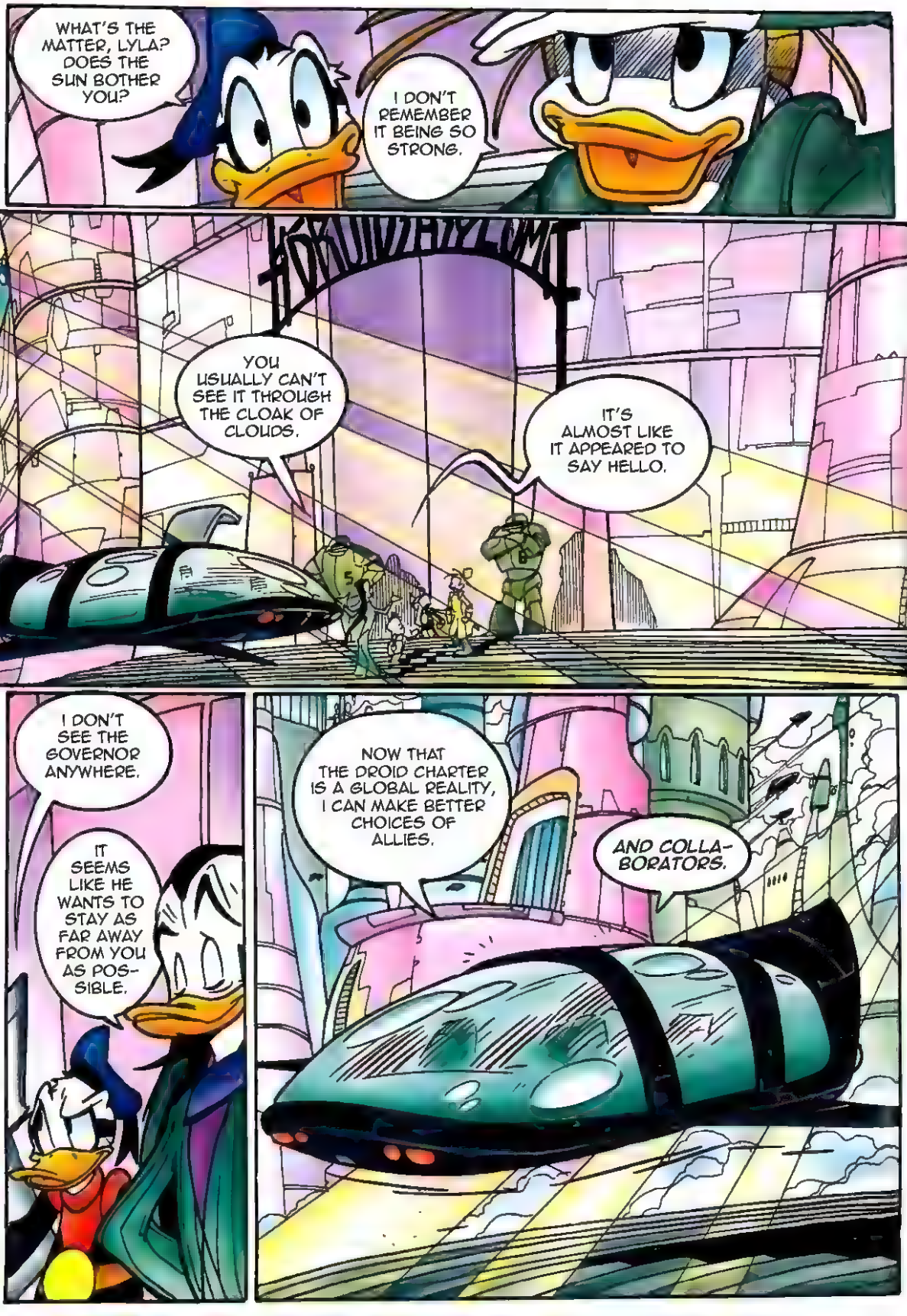
"I WANTED TO CREATE THE ONLY BEING CAPABLE OF SHARING MY PASSIONS, HABITS, MEMORIES."
"THE IDEAL WOMAN. ONE WHO'D LOVE ME FOR WHO I AM."
LOVE ISN'T CREATED IN A LABORATORY.
SAYS WHO? I SUCCEEDED!
CONTRARY TO THE OTHERS, LYLA RESPONDED WELL TO THE STRAIN OF THE BIOCHIP.
SHE BEGAN HAVING MY OWN SENSATIONS. TO SMELL THE SCENT OF AUTUMN.
I WOULD HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO DO THE NORMAL PROCEDURES FOR REPROGRAMMING.
AND SHE WOULD HAVE... LOVED ME. SPONTANE-OUSLY.


BUT YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE RUINED EVERYTHING!
HEY, CALM DOWN. WE'VE ALL HAD HEARTBREAKS.
YOU THINK I'M A LONELY MAN, HUH?
NAAAH! YOU DO HAVE A LOT OF PLANTS TO TALK TO.
THEY DON'T TALK. BUT THEY CAN UNDERSTAND WHEN THEY WANT TO.
THE SHIELD!
I MUST WARN YOU THAT I AM NOT ALONE EITHER. THE LABORATORY IS SURROUNDED.
YOU'RE LYING. BUT THAT'S OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE.

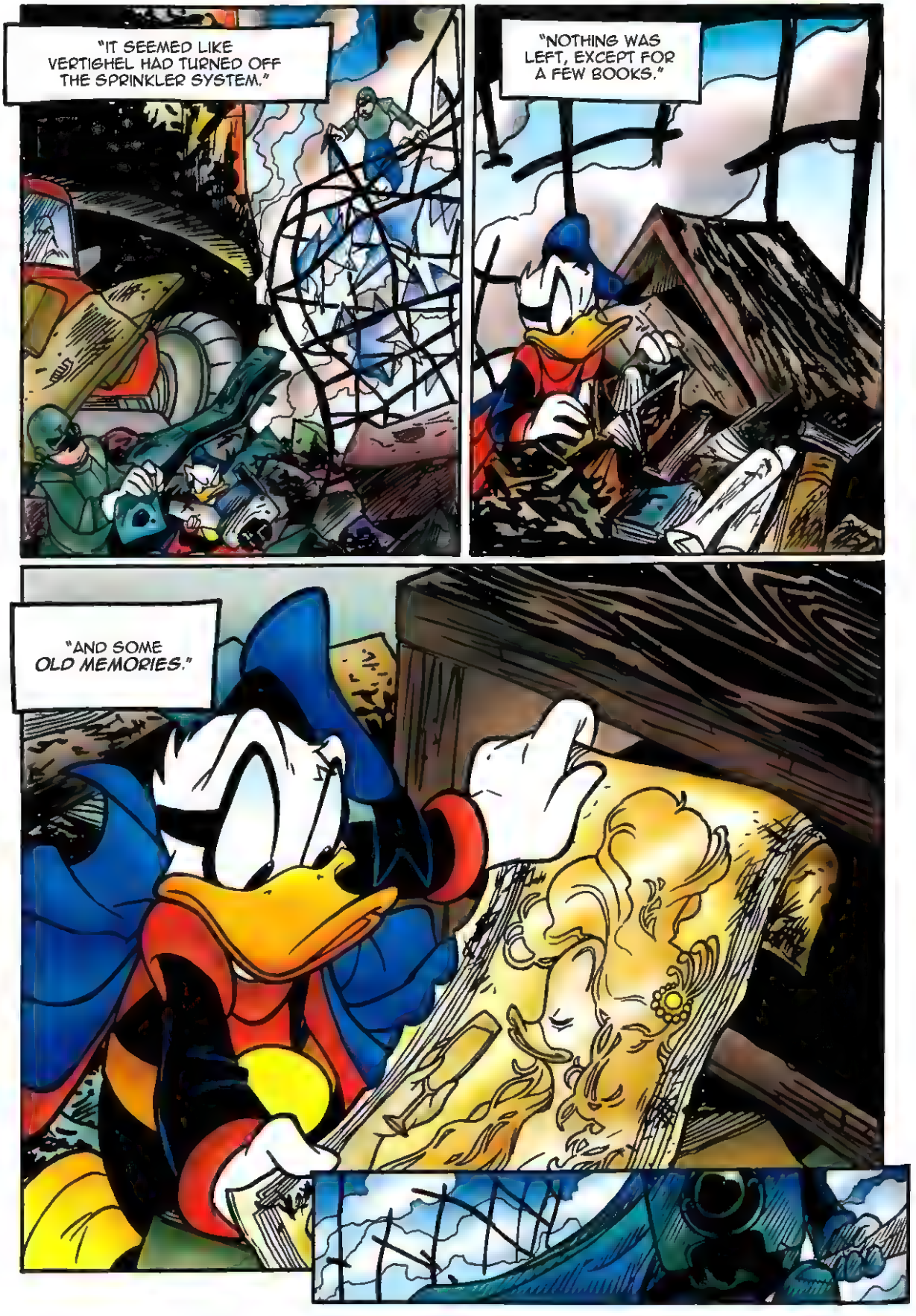
THE TRUTH IS THAT NOTHING CAN FILL MY EMPTINESS.
RELIEVE MY PAIN!
COUGH! COUGH! VER-TIGHEL!
PAGES AND LEAVES. HOW MUCH KNOWLEDGE IS THERE IN A PAGE AND HOW MUCH LIFE IS THERE IN A LEAF?
HE'S LOSING IT. HAVE TO GET RID OF THIS.
KNOWLEDGE AND LIFE. I HAD EVERYTHING, EXCEPT FOR ONE THING.


SUN
THE IMMENSE!
THE UNIQUE!
THE UNREACH-ABLE!

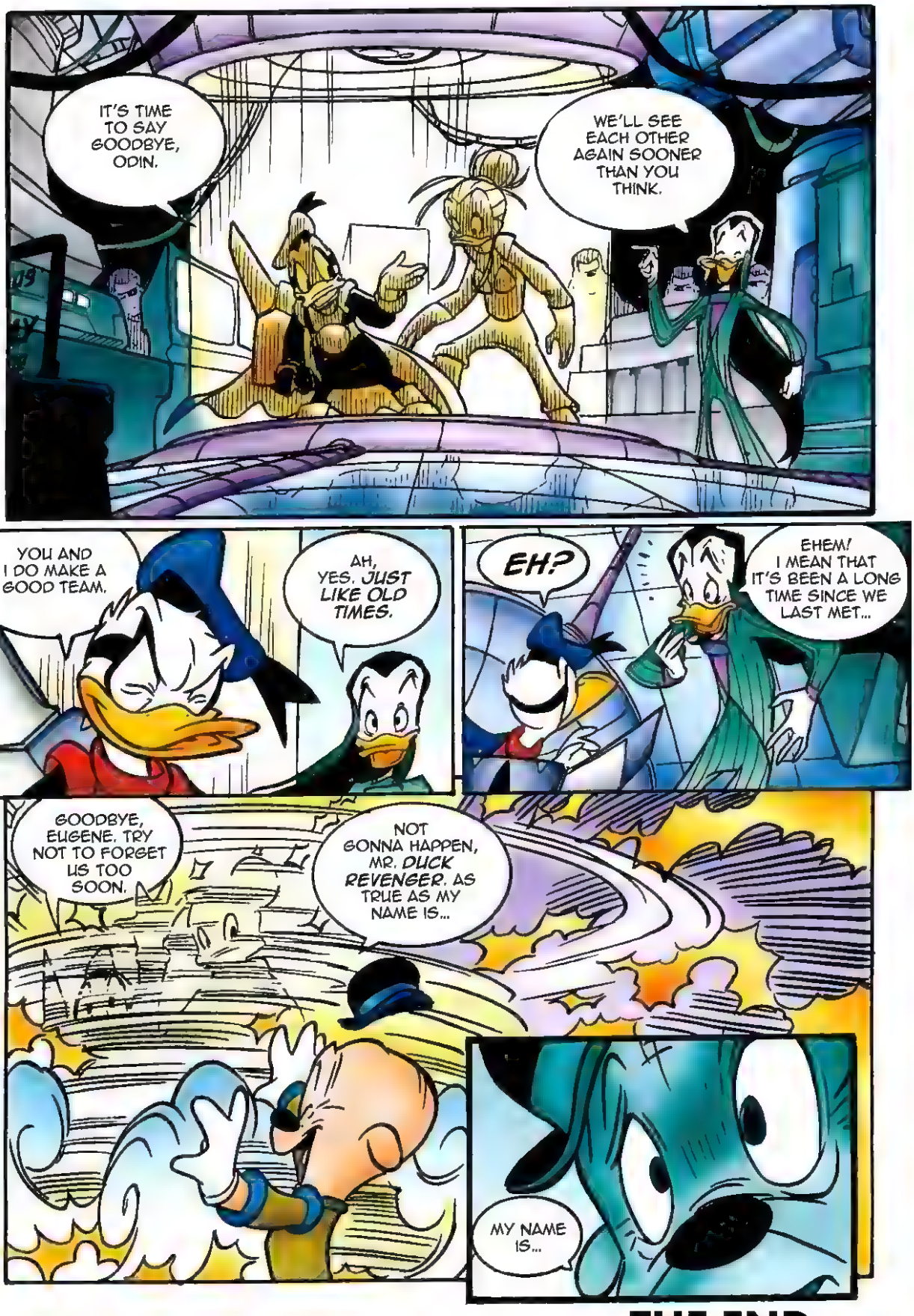
"WHEN THE PLANTS LET GO, THE FLAMES WERE HIGH."
"I STILL WONDER HOW I MANAGED TO GET OUT."
"THE SMOKE HAD CLOUDED MY MEMORIES."
"AND I LOOKED FOR THE LIGHT."
AH!


WHAT'S THE MATTER, LYLA? DOES THE SUN BOTHER YOU?
I DON'T REMEMBER IT BEING SO STRONG.
YOU USUALLY CAN'T SEE IT THROUGH THE CLOAK OF CLOUDS.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE IT APPEARED TO SAY HELLO.
I DON'T SEE THE GOVERNOR ANYWHERE.
IT SEEMS LIKE HE WANTS TO STAY AS FAR AWAY FROM YOU AS POSSIBLE.
NOW THAT THE DROID CHARTER IS A GLOBAL REALITY, I CAN MAKE BETTER CHOICES OF ALLIES.
AND COLLABORATORS.

WOOOOOSH
DESPITE EVERYTHING, VERTIGHEL WAS TRULY IRREPLACEABLE.
FOR BEING BIOLOGICAL.
VERTIGHEL? YOU KNOW SOMETHING FUNNY?
NOW THAT THE BIOCHIP HAS BEEN REMOVED, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE KNOWN HIM.
UNFORTUNATELY, WE'VE FOUND NO TRACE OF HIM.
HIS LAB HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DESTROYED.
BUT YOU DID DO AN INSPECTION AFTER THE FIRE.
YES, I HAD TO RETRIEVE THE X-TRANSFORMER.


"IT SEEMED LIKE VERTIGHEL HAD TURNED OFF THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM."
"NOTHING WAS LEFT, EXCEPT FOR A FEW BOOKS."
"AND SOME *OLD MEMORIES.*"

YOU EVEN GOT LYLA BACK INTO SERVICE. WHAT DID YOU SAY TO THE JUDGE?
WELL, I SAID...
SMACK
ACTUALLY... I CAN'T REMEMBER.
CRONOSTATION
I MUST APOLOGIZE, EUGENE. I DIDN'T BELIEVE IN YOU.
I ONLY DID MY JOB.
HEY! AND ME? IS THAT HOW YOU THANK YOUR FRIENDS?
ONLY THOSE I WON'T SEE FOR A LONG TIME. YOU'RE GOING HOME WITH ME.


IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE, ODIN.
WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN SOONER THAN YOU THINK.
YOU AND I DO MAKE A GOOD TEAM.
AH, YES. JUST LIKE OLD TIMES.
EH?
EHEM! I MEAN THAT IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE LAST MET...
GOODBYE, EUGENE. TRY NOT TO FORGET US TOO SOON.
NOT GONNA HAPPEN, MR. DUCK REVENGER. AS TRUE AS MY NAME IS...
MY NAME IS...

-THE END-

Eternal!

FILES

Subject: Leonard Vertighel
Activity: top designer and chief engineer of eidolon industries
Place of origin: Borderville, New Calisota (NC)
Appearance: charming and noble, rendered even more magnetic by his long, white hair
Character imprint: for those who don't know him very well, disturbing. It's difficult to interpret what he really thinks and feels
Intelligence quotient: extremely high, for being biological
Vocal tone: cold and acute, yet profound
Character: despite work having accustomed him to think in a cold and logical way, he's still human and a victim of sentiments
Hobby: he loves autumn and collects every single fallen leaf. Like his perfect bionic creatures, the leaves are apparently identical, but profoundly different
Vocal tone: dark and profound
Catchphrase: "Remember me!"
Strength: has created the image of the future
Weakness: an empty heart. Unfillable

See also under Evron

Extracts from the Infoguide S.U.P.E.R.
(Shared Understanding Provided for Entities of Reason)

CONQUEST (PRON. RAAAGH-ARHARG): THIS IS THE OBSESSION OF ALL EVRONIANS. THEY RAIDED AND LOOTED EVERY PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE, THEY EVER HAD THEIR PAWS ON.
OKAY. WE'RE CONQUERORS TO THE BONE...
Walt Disney
...BUT WE ALSO WANT A BIT OF UNDER-STANDING! ON THIS PLANE-TOID, THERE'S ONLY DAMP SWAMPS, ACID RAIN AND STERILE SOIL!
NOT ONLY...

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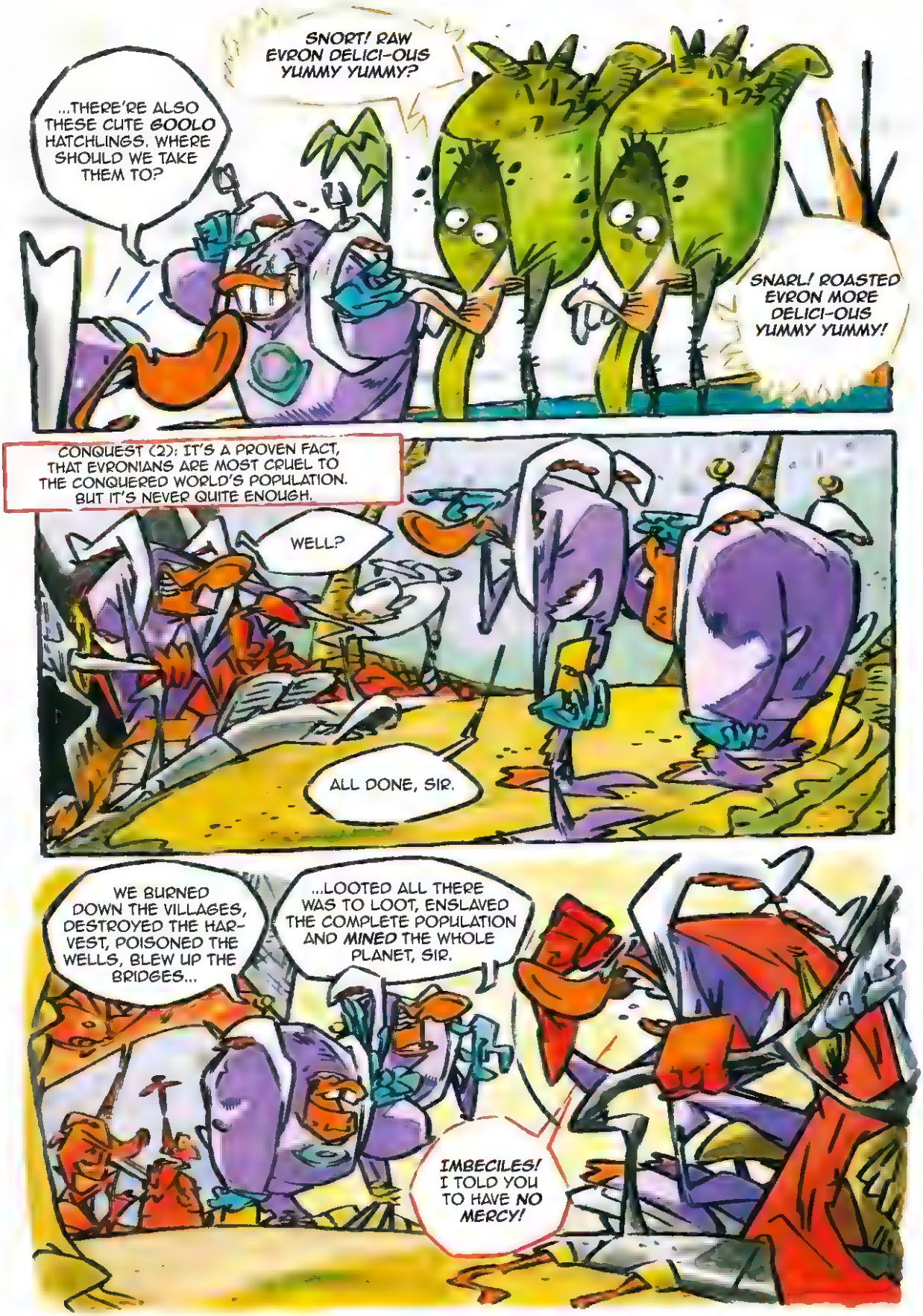
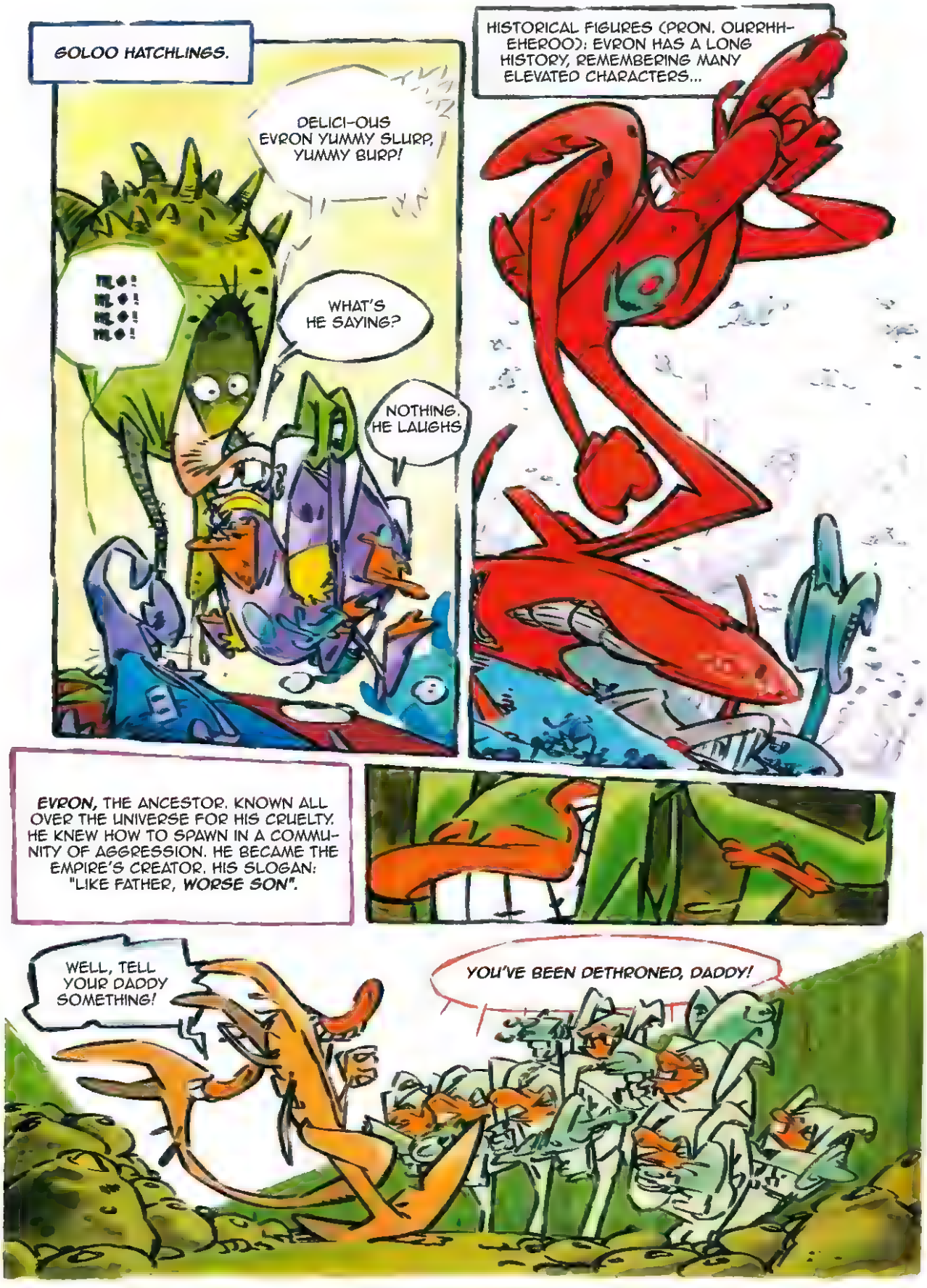

...THERE'RE ALSO THESE CUTE GOOLO HATCHLINGS. WHERE SHOULD WE TAKE THEM TO?
SNORT! RAW EVRON DELICI-OUS YUMMY YUMMY?
SNARL! ROASTED EVRON MORE DELICI-OUS YUMMY YUMMY!
CONQUEST (2): IT'S A PROVEN FACT, THAT EVRONIANS ARE MOST CRUEL TO THE CONQUERED WORLD'S POPULATION. BUT IT'S NEVER QUITE ENOUGH.
WELL?
ALL DONE, SIR.
WE BURNED DOWN THE VILLAGES, DESTROYED THE HARVEST, POISONED THE WELLS, BLEW UP THE BRIDGES...
...LOOTED ALL THERE WAS TO LOOT, ENSLAVED THE COMPLETE POPULATION AND MINED THE WHOLE PLANET, SIR.
IMBECILES! I TOLD YOU TO HAVE NO MERCY!

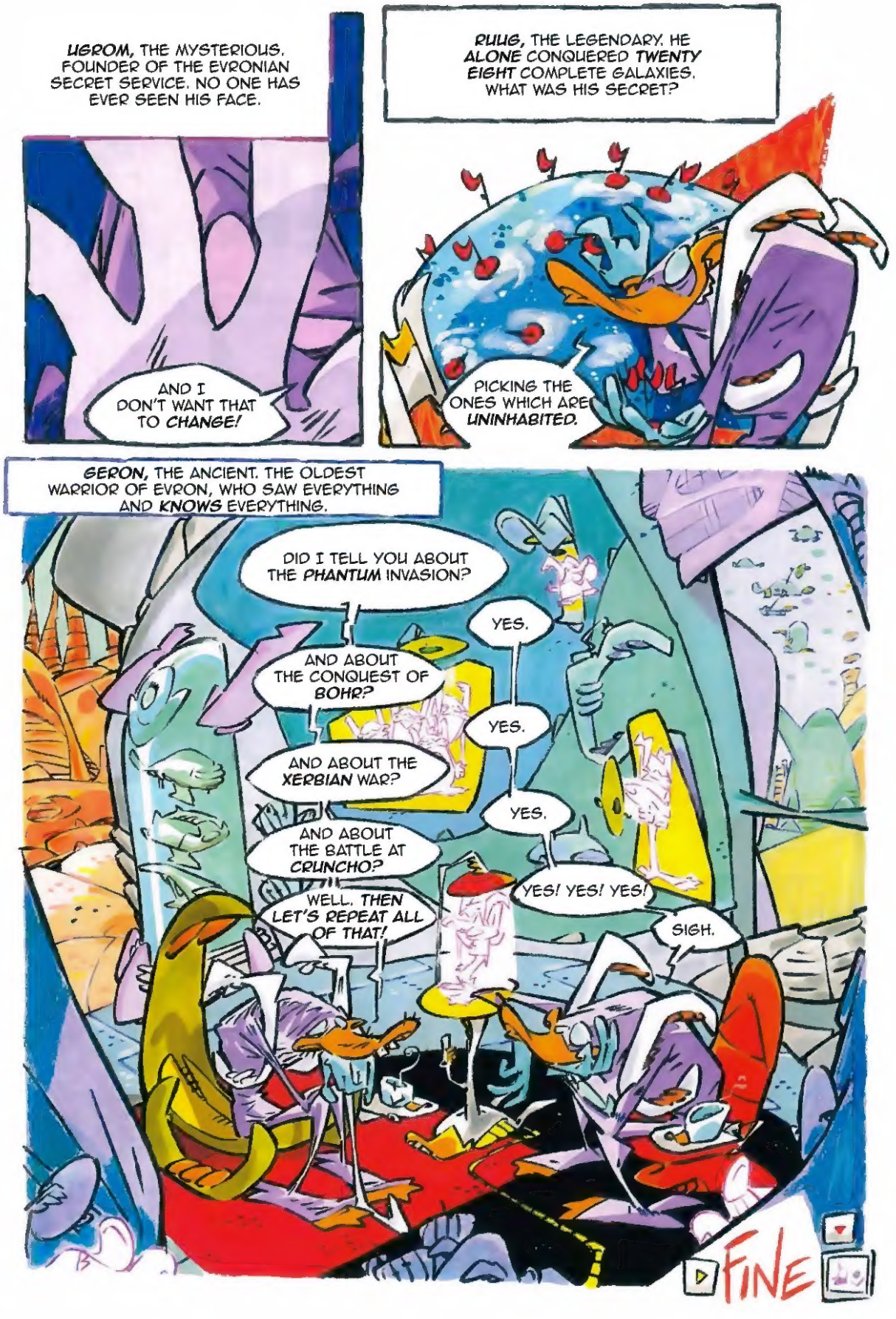
CONQUEST (3): THE EVRONIAN SCOUTS ROAM THE UNIVERSE, ALWAYS LOOKING FOR DESIRABLE PLACES...
ERM... THIS PLANET CALLED ZEPPEL-LYNE IS MOST INTERESTING!
BIMP
IT'S COVERED WITH A THIN, RUBBERY LAYER AND THE REST IS FILLED WITH INFLAMM-ABLE GAS!
BAH. LET'S START WITH THE CEREMONY.
IN THE NAME OF THE EMPEROR I DECLARE THIS PLANET EVRONIAN PROPERTY!
I'VE GOT A STRANGE HUNCH...

EVERY CONQUEST NEEDS A ROSTER: NOTHING CAN EVADE THE IMPERIAL SUPERVISOR.
HERE'S THE SHEET, SIR!
GOOD. LET'S SEE WE GOT EVERYTHING.
WELL... THE PLANET ALONG WITH ADDITIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS (THIRTEEN MOONS, ATMOSPHERE ABOVE UND UNDER THE CRUST), THE INHABITANTS (1'334'666), TWENTY SHAFTS OF THE HOLOWINE FROM '74 (DELICIOUS), THE LANTHANUM RESERVES...
THE PRISONER'S *PRIME MINISTER* SAYS YOU FORGOT SOMETHING, SIR.
YES? AND WHAT WOULD THAT BE?
THE BREEDERS, HE SAYS.
OH? WHAT NICE THINGS ARE BEING BRED HERE?


GOLOO HATCHLINGS.
DELICI-OUS EVRON YUMMY SLURP, YUMMY BURP!
WHAT'S HE SAYING?
NOTHING. HE LAUGHS
HISTORICAL FIGURES (PRON. OURRHH-EHEROO): EVRON HAS A LONG HISTORY, REMEMBERING MANY ELEVATED CHARACTERS...
EVRON, THE ANCESTOR. KNOWN ALL OVER THE UNIVERSE FOR HIS CRUELTY. HE KNEW HOW TO SPAWN IN A COMMUNITY OF AGGRESSION. HE BECAME THE EMPIRE'S CREATOR. HIS SLOGAN: "LIKE FATHER, WORSE SON".
WELL, TELL YOUR DADDY SOMETHING!
YOU'VE BEEN DETHRONED, DADDY!

AGRON, BEING REMEMBERED BECAUSE OF THE INVENTION OF THE EVRON-CANON, THE FIRST VERSION OF THE TERRIBLE, COOLFLAMAZING WEAPON. AGRON ALSO BECAME THE FIRST COOLFLAME.
GAAR, A SIMPLE WARRIOR, BEING REMEMBERED FOR REDUCING THE EVRON-CANON'S SIZE, THUS MAKING IT MORE MANAGEABLE (ESSENTIALLY INVENTING THE EVRON-GUN). HE SAID: "THE NECESSITY MAKES THE GENIUS".
GU!
THEN HE SCREAMED: "HEY, THAT ISN'T THE SAFETY SWITCH! IT'S THE TRIG..."
SHOOT, GAAR!
Y-YES! JUST HOLD IT T-TIGHT!
THAT'S HOW IT SHOULD BE!
OK! OK!

ERGON, "THE GOOD". HE WAS AN EMPEROR, KNOWN FOR HIS GENEROSITY AGAINST PRISONERS. HE SAID...
COOLFLAMAZE THEM IN TRIPLE FILE! THIS'LL SAVE ME TIME!
GARUM: DIRECTED THE ATTACK ONTO THE PLANETOID OF THE SPACE MAGICIANS.
¡KROAK!
ERGUM, DIRECTED THE CONQUEST OF THE STAR-CLUSTER V15, BY BURNING THROUGH THE STAGES...
HAHAHA. VERY FUNNY.
AMERYGON, THE INTERSTELLAR NAVIGATOR, KNOWN FOR THE DISCOVERY OF LOVER, THE PLANET FURTHEST AWAY FROM EVRON. HE WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN.
TAKE A GUESS WHY.


UGROM, THE MYSTERIOUS. FOUNDER OF THE EVRONIAN SECRET SERVICE. NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN HIS FACE.
AND I DON'T WANT THAT TO CHANGE!
RUUG, THE LEGENDARY. HE ALONE CONQUERED TWENTY EIGHT COMPLETE GALAXIES. WHAT WAS HIS SECRET?
PICKING THE ONES WHICH ARE UNINHABITED.
GERON, THE ANCIENT. THE OLDEST WARRIOR OF EVRON, WHO SAW EVERYTHING AND KNOWS EVERYTHING.
DID I TELL YOU ABOUT THE PHANTUM INVASION?
YES.
AND ABOUT THE CONQUEST OF BOHR?
YES.
AND ABOUT THE XERBIAN WAR?
YES.
AND ABOUT THE BATTLE AT CRUNCHO?
YES! YES! YES!
WELL. THEN LET'S REPEAT ALL OF THAT!
SIGH.
FINE